



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

October 15th, 2024

MEDIA CONTACTS:

Sarah Swiston, Media &
Communications Manager

W: 847.519.7820 ext. 230

C: 708.533.7577

sswiston@wingsprogram.com

Nikki Katrodia, Director of Special Events

W: 847.519.7820 ext. 233

C: 224.392.6323

nkatrodia@wingsprogram.com

WINGS CREATES WINTER WONDERLAND TO RECOGNIZE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH AT PURPLE TIE BALL

Chicago (October 15th, 2024) – Guests at WINGS 24th Annual Purple Tie Ball will enter a winter wonderland on Saturday, October 26th at 6:00pm at the Marriott Resort in Lincolnshire. Recognizing Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the evening will include honoring two inspiring WINGS graduates with the David K. Hill Award.

The whimsical evening will include a cocktail reception, dinner, live auction, spectacular raffle prizes, mesmerizing entertainment and winter wonderland inspired surprises. After the program, guests will dance the night away to the Bluewater Kings Band. Leading the event are Co-Chairs Shanna Nikolic and Katherine Banich, and Décor Chair Lori Paris.

Shanna Nikolic, Purple Tie Ball Event Co-Chair, shares, "**Where else can you scoop up one of kind experiences and gifts all while helping survivors of domestic violence?** The 24th annual Purple Tie Ball has something for everyone - even for the most discerning of people. From trips to see the Northern Lights in **Iceland**, to crafting your own wine in **Tuscany**, bringing home tickets to the **Country Music Awards**, to watching the **Eagles** in the Vegas Sphere, **Diamond Earrings**, **YSL & Coach handbags**, **guitars autographed** by Pete Wentz, a **Chef Dinner for 10** with Fabio Viviani and much, much more!"

Tickets for the event are sold out; however, community members are invited to take part in raffles occurring at the event. Winners do not need to be present to win. Event and raffle tickets can be purchased here: <https://wingsprogram.com/ptb2024/>.

- **Exclusive Jewelry Raffle:** White Topaz and Diamond Earrings set in 18 karat white gold by A. Marek Fine Jewelry in Oak Brook are being raffled. Tickets are \$100 each and only 100 tickets will be sold.
- **Raffles:** Prizes include Viking Cookware, designer purses, and more. These raffle tickets are \$50 each or 5 tickets for \$200.

WINGS Purple Tie Ball recognizes the following sponsors for their generous support:

\$100,000 Premier Sponsors: Pat and Vince Foglia

\$50,000 Presenting Sponsors: Rita and John Canning

\$25,000 Darr-Ling Sponsors: Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP/Katherine and Terry Banich, Melissa and Mike Canning, Kimberly Duchossois, David Herro and Jay Franke, Shanna and Ned Nikolic, and Cathy and Bill Osborn.

A full list on event sponsors can be found here: <https://wingsprogram.com/upcoming-event/wings-purple-tie-ball-4/>

All funds raised at WINGS Purple Tie Ball will benefit WINGS housing programs and comprehensive services including counseling, mentoring, and more.

"I believe everyone should have a safe place to live free from violence, shame, and fear. Unfortunately, not everyone has a safe home, but WINGS ensures that their clients do. Less than one percent of WINGS clients return to their abusers. This shows that the holistic approach WINGS takes to tackle domestic violence through housing, counseling, mentoring and more works," Katherine Banich, Purple Tie Ball Event Co-Chair, shares and continues:

"I am proud to be part of an organization that makes a tangible impact on the lives of women and children who desperately need the help and changes the trajectory of future generations of families."

###

ABOUT WINGS PROGRAM, INC.

The [mission of WINGS Program, Inc.](#) is to provide housing, integrated services, education, and advocacy to end domestic violence. With nearly 40 years of experience, WINGS is a premier provider and leading expert in the field of direct service domestic violence solutions.

As the largest domestic violence agency in Illinois, WINGS creates and implements high-quality, client-centered, domestic violence programs for survivors of all ages, ethnicities, and gender identities. The agency's housing programs have provided over one million nights of safe housing in well-maintained facilities. WINGS Community Based Services are innovative and scalable. WINGS Children and Family Services program provides critical interventions for youth to end the cycle of violence.

Anyone experiencing domestic violence can receive help by calling the 24-hour hotline at 847.221.5680. Survivors interested in learning more about WINGS counseling services may call 847.519.7828. For more information, visit www.wingsprogram.com.



From Left: Shanna Nikolic and Katherine Banich, Purple Tie Ball Co-Chairs



Community members can enter into the Purple Tie Ball's Exclusive Jewelry Raffle to win this pair of White Topaz and Diamond Earrings set in 18 karat white gold by A. Marek Fine Jewelry



WINGS Purple Tie Ball is a sold out event.