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WINGS Purple Tie Ball Raises Over \$1.2 Million For Domestic Violence Services

(Schaumburg, IL) – October 22, 2026 – WINGS raised **\$1,225,000** for comprehensive services and programs for domestic violence survivors at its **26th Annual Purple Tie Ball** on Saturday, October 3, 2026. More than **700 guests** attended the grand masquerade ball at the Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel in recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

Attendees were immersed in a **grand masquerade ball** atmosphere that will include a cocktail reception, full dinner, live music from **Hello Weekend**, and the presentation of the prestigious David K. Hill Award to an **inspirational WINGS graduate**.

Attendees had the opportunity to bid on one-of-a-kind experiences, while at the same time benefitting WINGS mission to end domestic violence. Live auction experiences include exotic trips, premium sports and concert tickets, and more.

“We are thrilled that this year’s Purple Tie Ball **raised the most funds** in the event’s **26-year history**,” says Rebecca Darr, WINGS President & CEO. “That support **comes at a critical time**, as a government grant that funded several counseling positions at our Foglia Family Resource Center has ended. Our community’s support means so much and **allows us to say ‘yes’ to adult and child survivors** of domestic violence seeking **counseling, resources and support**.”

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About WINGS Program, Inc.

The [mission of WINGS Program, Inc.](#) is to provide housing, integrated services, education, and advocacy to end domestic violence. With more than 40 years of experience, WINGS Program, Inc. is a premier provider of domestic violence solutions.

As the largest domestic violence agency in Illinois, WINGS creates high-quality, customized, domestic violence programs for survivors of all ages, ethnicities, and gender identities. WINGS programs have provided over one million nights of safe housing, life-changing community-based counseling, and award-winning mentoring programs.

Anyone experiencing domestic violence can receive help by calling the 24-hour hotline at 847.221.5680. For more information, visit www.wingsprogram.com.

	Purple Tie Ball event Co-Chairs from left: Kim Frezados, Melissa Canning, and Maggie Pflanz
	Purple Tie Ball Decor Co-Chairs: (from left) Jackie Sabatino, Lori Paris, and Joanne Castle
	From left: Ellaine Sambo-Reyther and Rebecca Darr
	During a surprise raffle, Elena Peerson and Michael Goldstein won a trip to Paris.



From left: Michael Sicher and Sarah Sicher



From left: Dawn Baumann and Matt Baumann



From left: JJ Harang and Darla Swango



From left: Natalie Kroft, Jody Ginger, Atour Sargon, Kim Frezados, Charla Whiteley