



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AGENCY BETWEEN FRIENDS ADDS LOCAL NONPROFIT FOR STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP

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CHICAGO—A leader in domestic violence services in Chicago for 30 years, Between Friends is expanding its services to clients and families with the strategic acquisition of A Night Out, a local nonprofit dedicated to providing adult victims with safe and healthy social experiences. The partnership launches April 17 and will be celebrated May 4 at the “A Toast of Hope: A Night Out with Between Friends” spring event.

“By joining Between Friends, A Night Out will have access to assist even more domestic violence survivors, and will be sustainable for years to come,” says A Night Out CEO and Founder Marla Mogul.

Since 2013, with a budget of \$90,000 per year from individual donors, A Night Out has served more than 800 survivors of domestic violence (while providing childcare) through more than 60 program events including self-care spa nights, concerts and theater performances. These outings give survivors the opportunity to socialize with others and break free from the isolation that many experience. Post-event surveys reveal that 95% of those who attend feel more confident.

The new alliance fits well with the mission of Between Friends, a nonprofit agency that works to end domestic violence throughout Chicagoland by providing resources to help individuals impacted by abuse to rebuild their lives.

Between Friends services focus on ending relationship violence through counseling, court advocacy, community education, and violence prevention programs for youth. The goal is to offer the community education on ways to prevent domestic violence and build healthy relationships.

“In a time where the Illinois state budget impasse leaves many domestic violence services without funding, this consolidation of resources represents a strategic growth opportunity for Between Friends that keeps the needs of survivors first” says Between Friends Executive Director, Yesenia Maldonado.

Between Friends is a leader in Chicago’s domestic violence prevention community. The organization is a past winner of the Alford-Axelson Award for Nonprofit Managerial Excellence, 2015 Chicago Department Health Community Partner Award and the 2016 Presence Health Visionary Partner Award.

Please join us May 4, 6-9 p.m. for a ***Toast of Hope: A Night Out with Between Friends*** to celebrate the expanded services of *Between Friends*, with the integration of *A Night Out* as its newest program.

Date: Thursday, May 4, 2017

Time: 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Place: Morgan’s on Fulton, 950 W Fulton Market, Chicago, IL

RSVP at www.betweenfriendschicago.org