



A Housewarming: From Foster Care to First Home

December 1, 2019

Dear Hearts to Homes Supporter,

We will be hosting our *Open Hearts at Oceana* event on January 16, 2020 and hope you will join us in making a difference in the lives of young adults aging out of foster care. There are many opportunities to support this event, including a donation to our raffle or auction. We welcome your donation of a gift certificate, gift basket, service or experience.

Over 700 young adults in New York City and Westchester County will age out of foster care this year. These are young people who have never been adopted or successfully reunited with their parents. Since 2016, Hearts to Homes has been assisting these individuals. What started as a grass roots effort to make a difference in the life of one vulnerable young adult is now a recognized 501(c)(3) organization. Hearts to Homes has already assisted over 100 young adults as they take a leap of faith into independence without the same family support system many of us are blessed to have.

When our recipients receive the essential furnishings that Hearts to Homes provides, their feelings of anxiety are lessened and are replaced with feelings of pride in their new home. Your donation helps us provide:

- Bedroom and living room furnishings and kitchen and personal care necessities to a young lady sleeping on a pile of blankets on the floor of an empty apartment with her toddler by her side.
- Laundry detergent, an iron and an ironing board to an anxious young man with a job interview, giving him a neat, clean appearance and a boost to his confidence. He got the job.
- Dishes, cutlery and pots and pans to young adults who may otherwise have to eat fast food all the time.
- Living room furniture so a recipient can have friends over instead of hanging out in front of the building, which can be unsafe.

These are just a few of the many examples of why we are asking for your support of *Open Hearts at Oceana*. If you have any questions about the mission of Hearts to Homes, we would be happy to discuss that with you. Do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or concerns you might have regarding your sponsorship or underwriting donation.

Please complete and return the sponsorship form below to us at your earliest convenience. Donations provided prior to January 10, 2020 will be acknowledged in a short audio/visual presentation at the event.

It is our honor to serve as Co-Chairpersons of this year's *Open Hearts at Oceana*. Thank you in advance for helping our young adults move "From Foster Care to First Home."

Sincerely,

Patty Damon
Co-Chairperson

Diane Vezza
Co-Chairperson