



A Housewarming: From Foster Care to First Home©

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Dear Hearts to Homes Supporter,

This year's *Open Hearts* event will honor former Hearts to Homes board member and consummate volunteer in community and real estate organizations, Patrick Dolan. The event will be held at City Winery on Tuesday, March 7, 2023. We 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 live and silent auctions. We welcome your donation of a gift certificate, gift basket, service or experience.

Hearts to Homes assists young adults, who are aging out of foster care in New York City, Westchester, Rockland, Putnam, Nassau and Suffolk counties, in making a smoother transition to independence. These young people have never been adopted or successfully reunited with their parents. Since 2016, they have been able to count on Hearts to Homes for help in furnishing their first home with essential items. 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 that has assisted over 400 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 of an auction item 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.
- Dishes, cutlery and pots and pans to young adults who may otherwise have to eat unhealthy fast food all the time.
- Living room furniture so a recipient can have a friend over in a safe and comfortable space instead of hanging out on the street, 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 City Winery*. If you have any questions about the mission of Hearts to Homes or how your donation of an auction item might further our vital mission, do not hesitate to contact us.

Please complete and return the auction item form below at your earliest convenience and no later than February 24, 2023.

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

Sincerely,

Arthur Lange
Co-Chairperson

Greg Arcaro
Co-Chairperson