



## **Media Contact:**

Rena Lee Marketing, Communication & Events Director A Safe Place 2710 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 100 Zion, IL 60099 Office: 847-731-7165, ext. 104

Cell: 224-565-2982

Email: rlee@asafeplaceforhelp.org

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 7, 2018

## Wine Women & Shoes Raises a Glass to Benefit Families of Domestic Violence

Sip, Shop & Support A Safe Place and Help Transform Lives After Domestic Violence

**LAKE COUNTY, IL** – Fashion and wine lovers unite! Kick up your heels at an interactive evening that will tickle your taste buds and satisfy your shopping urges on Saturday, April 14, 2018 at 5:30pm at the Westin Chicago North Shore in Wheeling.

A Safe Place invites 400 wine-savvy, shoe-loving guests to sip varietals from some of the country's top winemakers, shop the latest trends in a multi-designer Marketplace, and mingle with the charming "Shoe Guys" all for a great cause.

The evening includes a glamorous fashion show presented by Lake Forest designer Ave SanJuan Designs highlighting a new collection for the summer, unlimited wine tastings from around the world, and a marketplace that offers guests the opportunity to shop a special collection of apparel and accessories.

A live auction will provide guests the chance to bid on wine and unique experiences; a wine pull where guests can take home their own bottle of wine; a key to the closet raffle worth over \$8,000 where the winner takes all; and silent auction items sure to make someone's evening.

"Wine Women & Shoes provides the opportunity for Chicagoans to enjoy a fun evening surrounded by exceptional fashion, food, and wine with a purpose," said Pat Davenport, Executive Director of A Safe Place. "By purchasing a ticket, attendees are helping us continue to provide programs and services for domestic violence survivors and their children as they transform their lives."

All proceeds raised that evening benefit the lifesaving services at A Safe Place for victims of domestic violence and their children.

A Safe Place is the sole provider of services exclusively focusing on domestic violence victims in Lake County. Through comprehensive services, A Safe Place provides crisis counseling, courthouse advocacy and help obtaining orders of protection, emergency shelter, transitional and permanent housing, individual and family therapy, supervised visitations and custodial exchanges, abuser intervention, and education in the community and schools about healthy relationships. Last year, A Safe Place served over 14,000 community members.

Early bird tickets are available through February 16 at

http://www.winewomenandshoes.com/event/asafeplace/ for \$100, which includes a trendy swag bag filled with a variety of goodies. Tickets go up to \$125 after February 16. VIP admission is \$175 and includes express VIP check in, prime seating for the fashion show, a dedicated Shoe Guy at your table, and a VIP Swag Bag filled with exclusive items.

Sponsors include Autohaus on Edens, Rust-Oleum, and North Shore Gas. Sponsorships are still available for this fun and impactful event.

For more information on Wine Women & Shoes and sponsorship opportunities, please visit the event's website at <a href="www.winewomenandshoes.com/asafeplace">www.winewomenandshoes.com/asafeplace</a> or contact Carmen Patlan at (847) 731-7165 ext. 109 or <a href="mailto:cpatlan@asafeplaceforhelp.org">cpatlan@asafeplaceforhelp.org</a>.

## Photo 1:

The glamorous fashion show highlights a new collection by Lake Forest designer Ave SanJuan Designs.



Photo 2: The charming Shoe Guys help raise funds for A Safe Place and mingle with guests.



Photo 3: The Marketplace offers a special collection of apparel and accessories .



######

Founded in 1978, A Safe Place is the leading advocate for eliminating domestic violence in northern Illinois, and is Lake County, Illinois' only provider of services exclusively for victims of domestic violence. A Safe Place provides emergency shelter, permanent housing, a 24-hour crisis line (847-249-4450), court and non-legal advocacy, individual, group, and children's counseling, art therapy, family visitation services, batterer intervention services; and community outreach, prevention education, and professional training. Our service area includes Lake, McHenry, and northern Cook counties in Illinois; however, our clients come to us from across the state, region, and country.

For more information about A Safe Place, visit <u>www.asafeplaceforhelp.org</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, and <u>Twitter</u>.