



Transitional Housing BARN, Inc. Presents:
The 12th Annual Festival of Trees 2010
In Memory of Agnes L. Colgan
"Ending Homelessness One Family at a Time"
November 13, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.
Westin Washington Dulles, Herndon, Virginia

July 13, 2010

Dear Friend,

Transitional Housing BARN is hosting our 12th Annual Festival of Trees gala on the evening of Saturday, November 13, 2010 at the Westin Washington Dulles in Herndon, Virginia. The evening includes dinner, dancing, gaming tables, silent and live auctions, and many beautiful, custom decorated holiday trees.

BARN is a two-year transitional housing program designed to assist and support homeless mothers and their children with a stable living situation, while at the same time helping to prepare them to become self-sufficient and able to move into permanent housing. 65% of BARN's residents are children under the age of 12 years old. 96% of our mothers are able to provide permanent housing for themselves and their families at the end of their stay in the program.

Most of the funds we raise to support our mothers and their children comes from donors like you. The purpose of this event is to raise the necessary funds to help our mothers and their children with all of their needs while they are with us. For example, each year BARN spends:

- \$12,000 on transportation expenses to help mothers maintain employment and have safe vehicles in which to transport their children
- \$5,500 in health care costs to help mothers and their children remain healthy
- \$27,000 on utilities for the shelter

Your generous help is needed to make this event a success. If you would donate an item for our auction, I would be most grateful. Your contribution will help raise money for the mothers and children that BARN serves. We will be sure to include you in the event program.

Attached is an auction donation form, for your convenience. Please complete and return the form along with your auction donation to BARN.

Please feel welcome to call me at (703) 369-1325 if you have any questions about BARN or about the Festival of Trees. I will be happy to provide you with additional information. Also, please visit us at www.barninc.org to learn more about us.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of my request for help. BARN is a great place for mothers and their families to get back on their feet after suffering the trauma of homelessness. With your support, we will remain a great place that families can turn to in their time of great need.

Sincerely,

Colin Davis, MSW
Executive Director

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DONATION FORM

DONATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 16, 2010

Please contact BARN to make delivery arrangements

Donations *will not* be accepted the day of the event

BARN reserves the right to repackage items or use in other events during the year.

Contact Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How would you like to be credited in the program? _____

_____ **Vacation or Item Donation:** Please describe the item(s) or vacation in as much detail as possible; you may attach another sheet if needed. Items may be combined.

Value: \$ _____

_____ **Decorated Tree Donation:** Please call 703-369-1325 to register your theme to avoid duplication.

Tree theme: _____

The tree is: _____ 4 feet tall _____ 5 feet tall _____ 6 feet tall

_____ **Wreath or Centerpiece Donation:**

Description: _____

Value: \$ _____

I would like to make a cash donation in the amount of \$ _____