

First Annual Wine Tasting and Auction a Great Success!



The Joe's Place Board of Directors thanks everyone who attended the First Annual Joe's Place Charity Wine Tasting and Auction on Saturday, June 28. The success of the event, which was Joe's Place's first-ever major fundraiser, far exceeded the expectations of its organizers.

More than 300 people supported the young men who call Joe's Place home that evening, filling the St. Louis Cellars to near capacity. Attendees bid on fabulous silent auction items that were part of the theme "Choose Your Own Adventure." Once-in-a-lifetime experiences such as skydiving, a private plane tour of St. Louis and a get-away to the mountains of New Mexico, among many others, made the auction memorable. A very special

thanks goes out to Cathie Laufketter, who coordinated the auction.

The event raised more than \$25,000 for Joe's Place. The event's success and the success of the young men who live at Joe's Place has helped to get the new school year off to a great start.



Mark Your Calendar!

2nd Annual Charity Wine Tasting and Auction to benefit Joe's Place
Saturday, June 27, 2009, St. Louis Cellars

As Another Year begins at Joe's Place, the Residents and Program Continue to Succeed

Dear Friends of Joe's Place:

This fall marks the beginning of the third school year in which Joe's Place will serve young men in need of a safe and stable place to call home. We are so excited to continue to serve these students, and know that this is only possible through the support of people like you.

I wanted to take this opportunity to update you a little bit on the program. Joe's Place has the capacity to serve four young men at a time. As we begin the year, we are proud to say that we have a full house.

The four young men who currently call Joe's Place home are active citizens in MRH High School. They are involved and excelling in athletics, drama and other after-school clubs. Some of them also work part-time jobs.

Even with all these activities, they continue to devote time each day to their studies, maintain excellent attendance records at school and achieve in the classroom.

Two of the original residents of Joe's Place have left our program. These young men found Joe's Place to be exactly what they needed during a tough stretch of

their lives. They are now seniors and are on track to graduate with their class.

As the two program graduates moved on, two more young men were brought into the home. The cycle of success at Joe's Place continues, and we thank you for your generous support as we continue to make a difference.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Hannah Wood".

Hannah Wood
Program Director

How You Can Help Joe's Place

With the beginning of a new school year comes the beginning of another year at Joe's Place. Donors have been so generous to the program since its inception, but as the weeks and months go by the house parents identify new needs for the residents and home. If you are interested in making a donation of any of these items, please contact Hannah Wood at (314) 537-6702 or h.woodjoesplace@gmail.com.

- Set of kitchen knives
- Bath towels
- Laundry detergent
- Gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart or any grocery store
- Leather indoor/outdoor basketballs
- Basketball nets
- Official wiffle balls and bats
- Soccer balls
- Footballs
- 36-inch gas grill
- Sound system for newly donated TV
- 4 bikes



Joe's Place resident Fred Taylor won first place in three events at the Missouri state track meet.

Fred was the state champion in the 100 and 200 meter dash and was a member of the state champion 4x200 relay team. Congratulations, Fred, on this great accomplishment!

Visit Joe's Place online at
www.joesplacestl.org

Donations to Joe's Place can be sent to:
PO Box 3457, Maplewood, MO 63143.

Joe's Place is a 501(c)3 organization, and your donation is tax deductible as allowed by law.

Meet the Newest Joe's Place Board Members

Jim MacDonald is a retired senior vice president from the McDonnell Douglas Corporation. There, he had company-wide responsibility for human resources, public relations, community affairs and total quality management. Upon retirement, he was appointed executive in residence at The Center for Creative Leadership. He has served on the boards of the Foundry Art Centre, St. Luke's Hospital, Webster University, Stages St. Louis, SANUS Health Plan and the St. Louis/National Council on Alcoholism.

Keat Wilkins is the co-founder and president of Sense Corp, a management and technology consulting firm. He has led the company since 1996, helping it grow from a start-up with one contract to a firm with contracts with a diverse group of Fortune 500 companies. Keat is actively involved in the community, working with St. Louis Children's Hospital, the St. Louis Sports Commission and his local school board. He also serves on the boards of the Boys & Girls Club, the Wyman Center for Teens and the Sense Corp. Texas 4000 for Cancer.



Joe's Place was visited by James Dillard, a school board member from the Painesville City Local School District in Painesville, Ohio. Dillard visited to see first-hand how Joe's Place serves young men in need. The Painesville District is opening Coach's Corner, a program that was inspired by and modeled after Joe's Place. Dillard is pictured with MRH Superintendent and Joe's Place Board Member Linda Henke and MRH Director of Student Services Vince Estrada.

Joe's Place Board of Directors

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