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CELEBRATING COMMUNITY: ENDING HOMELESSNESS; TRANSITIONS' RAISES \$139,000 FOR LOCAL WOMEN AND CHILDREN

Spokane, WA:

On October 6th, 664 guests celebrated community raised \$139,000 at Transitions' 14<sup>th</sup> Annual People Who Care Event. These funds will finance work focused on ending poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane.

Two women, who overcame personal hardships and now are examples of inspiration to the community, spoke about their journeys. Michelle, an alumna of both Miryam's House and the Transitional Living Center, shared her story of overcoming drug use and reuniting with her daughter. Since leaving Transitions in 2007, she returned to school and used her degree to help others in a job she loves; purchased a house with her husband of five years; and found personal peace.

Keeley, an alumna of New Leaf Bakery-Café, spoke of overcoming job insecurity and the fear of not providing for her family by enrolling in the job-training program and persevering against poverty. Since leaving the program earlier this year, she has found a full-time job doing what she loves – baking.

Adding to the stories of growth, Edie Rice-Sauer, the Executive Director for Transitions, announced agency expansion in our efforts to end poverty and homelessness for local families by building 24 cottages on a vacant, 2-acre property in north Spokane. Construction will begin in fall 2017 with Heylman Martin Architects and developer Community Frameworks.

If you'd like to get more involved in our mission please consider a financial gift towards the People Who Care 2016: Celebrating Community or email us at [info@help4women.org](mailto:info@help4women.org) or call (509)328-6702.

Transitions: Since 1995, Transitions has been helping women, children, and families rebuild their lives affected by abuse, addiction, mental illness, poverty, and homelessness. Transitions administers five programs: Women's Hearth, Miryam's House, Transitional Living Center, EduCare and New Leaf Bakery Cafe. For more information about how you can work to end poverty and homelessness for women and children in Spokane, call 509-328-6702, email [mtracey@help4women.org](mailto:mtracey@help4women.org), or visit our website at [help4women.org](http://help4women.org)

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