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Baird & Warner – Day at the Races to Benefit WINGS

Baird and Warner Arlington Heights is poised to host the 3rd Annual Day at the Races to benefit WINGS on Saturday, July 21, 2007. The event proceeds will help operate WINGS 24 homes and apartments and the agency's 15,000 square foot domestic violence shelter for women and children.

The race day event begins at Arlington Park at 12:00 with a silent auction, raffles and a buffet lunch. Victor Pacini, a speaker and activist for the issues of domestic violence, is slated to give the keynote address. Tickets for the event are \$75 per person or \$600 for a table of 8. Sponsorships are also available.

Shaunna Burhop, the event co-chair, says "our goal is to make this a 'must attend' event every year by combining an exciting day at the race track with the benefit of fundraising for WINGS. We are so thankful for the support of our generous sponsors, raffle donors, advertisers, and attendees."

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This year's event is expected to sell out as it did in 2006. WINGS Director of Public Relations, Jennifer Djordjevic says, "Baird and Warner Arlington Heights agents have been a tremendous support to WINGS. We are so grateful for their dedication and commitment to our agency. This event is fun, community orientated and the committee does what they intend to do – raise funds and awareness for WINGS."

This year's top sponsors include: /AXA Advisors, Building Specs, Lira & Associates Architects, Allegra Print & Imaging, and Arlington Park. Key volunteers include Shaunna Burhop, Tammie Benyk, Peggy Kukankos, and Kim Pape from Baird & Warner.

"The entire group donates many hours of their time to plan and staff the event. Community involvement, including fundraising, is critical to WINGS' ability to continue their mission" Burhop said, and we all feel giving back to the community is the right thing to do".

Baird & Warner – Arlington Heights supports WINGS as part of its Good Will Network. As one of Chicagoland's oldest and most recognized companies, Baird & Warner has long valued the goodwill of the people and communities it serves and is celebrating 151 years of Good Will.

WINGS is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 community agency with the mission to provide a continuum of integrated services in an effort to end domestic violence and homelessness one family at a time. In addition to the Safe House, the agency currently operates 3 homes and 21 apartments that serve as transitional living.

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Other services offered to women and children in need include career and family counseling, homeless prevention counseling, housing assistance, and graduate follow-up.

If you are interested in purchasing tickets or donating to the event, please contact Shaunna Burhop or Tammie Benyk of Baird & Warner at 847-818-6027. You can also register on-line at www.wingsprogram.com.

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