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Park Ridge Friends of WINGS Host Event

Women In Need Growing Stronger has new friends in town – the Park Ridge Friends of WINGS is a recently formed advisory group to organize in an effort to raise awareness and funds for the agency’s home in Park Ridge. WINGS has 23 homes and apartments, two resale stores and a 15,000 square foot Safe House that can accommodate 45 women and children. The Park Ridge home has been a part of WINGS residences for the past 17 years.

The group is urging people living in the Park Ridge and surrounding areas, both men and women, to join the Park Ridge Friends of WINGS and to attend its first fundraising event on Sunday, March 12, 2006 at Hay Caramba Restaurant located at 122 S. Prospect Street.

The event, hosted by the Park Ridge Friends, will begin at 3:00 p.m. and go until 5:00 p.m. Food and live music, provided by the Park Ridge Cultural Arts Program, are included in the \$20 per person ticket price. The price is \$5 for children under 12. The event will also include a 50/50 raffle.

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Over the last 20 years WINGS has provided transitional housing and support services to women and children who've been affected by homelessness and domestic violence. In all WINGS operates 19 apartments and 4 homes which house families in need. In addition, the organization built and opened a 15,000 square foot emergency shelter to help victims of domestic violence.

Beth Gardham, liaison for the advisory based in Park Ridge says, "The Park Ridge of WINGS is a great group of people willing to reach out and engage the community for additional help. This first fundraising event is proof of the positive impact they're trying to make for WINGS. We appreciate their efforts and are looking forward to an exciting day at Hay Carumba."

WINGS three additional advisory groups include North Suburban Friends of WINGS, Barrington Friends of WINGS and Schaumburg Friends of WINGS.

For more information about becoming a member of Park Ridge Friends of WINGS or to register for the Hay Carumba event, please call Beth Gardham at 847-577-4668 x1 or e-mail her at bgardham@wingsprogram.com. For more information about WINGS visit www.wingsprogram.com.

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