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## **WINGS Gears Up For September Gala and Golf Outing**

WINGS 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Gala and debut Charity Golf outing are just around the corner. On Saturday, September 9, 2006 WINGS Gala will take place at the brand new Schaumburg Hotel and Convention Center. “We are truly excited about hosting this event at the new Convention Center. Having our administrative offices right across the street definitely aides in the planning of this event. The staff at the hotel have been great to work with,” says Jennifer Djordjevic, Director of Public Relations. Tickets are \$150 per person and tables begin at \$1,500.

Festivities for the evening will feature a Broadway themed flair. A red carpet and “paparazzi” will greet guests as they arrive. The event begins at 6:00 p.m. and includes cocktails, piano music, a sit down dinner of petite filet and Alaskan Halibut and silent and live auctions. A kick-line number will also be performed during dinner compliments of Bonnie Lindholm School of Dance. The live auction includes such items as a Cabo San Lucas trip with airfare, premier Bulls tickets and a gourmet dinner cooked in your home for 6 to 8 guests. Nearly 100 silent auction items will also be part of the activities.

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Baskets and gifts from area businesses will be highlighted. “We are encouraging people to purchase their tickets and come out for a fantastic event. The food is absolutely phenomenal and the caliber of WINGS Gala continues to increase each year,” says Djordjevic. Committee members are still looking for auction donations and local businesses to purchase ads or provide sponsorship.

On the heels of the Gala comes WINGS first charity golf outing. Join fellow golfers on September 18, 2006 at Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington. This outdoor even will begin with registration and breakfast at 10:30 a.m. A shotgun start will kick-off at 12:00 p.m. Wrap up the competition with dinner, drinks and an auction. Tickets are \$450 per golf or \$1,600 per foursome. Goodie bags and lunch will also be included. A variety of sponsorship opportunities abound. Rebecca Darr, Executive Director says, “This is the first golf outing WINGS has planned in more than six years. We’re very excited about promoting a high-end outing for people here in the northwest suburbs and we hope to fill the golf course with players on the 18<sup>th</sup>.”

Proceeds from both events will go to help WINGS which offers transitional housing and emergency shelter. The Safe House, a 15,000 square foot facility opened in January of 2005 and has already helped almost 300 individuals flee from domestic violence. When full, the facility can house up to 45 women and children each night and provides women with medical, legal, and financial advocacy as well as therapeutic counseling and access to housing and other resources.

In addition, the agency has 24 apartments and homes located in Chicago, Skokie, Des Plaines, Park Ridge, Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, Palatine, and Barrington, which provide transitional housing for over 95 women and children each night.

For more information about WINGS visit [www.wingsprogram.com](http://www.wingsprogram.com). To register for either event please visit [www.wingsprogram.com](http://www.wingsprogram.com) or call 847-908-0910 x10.

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