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Enchanted Makeovers to Host Event Benefiting Newhouse

At the Recipes of Hope Event on March 9, Volunteers Will Share a Message of Love and Encouragement with Victims of Domestic Violence

(Kansas City, MO, March 3, 2010) — Enchanted Makeovers (www.enchantedmakeovers.org), the Michigan-based nonprofit dedicated to transforming shelters for women and children into heartwarming havens, will be in Kansas City on March 9 to lead an outreach project for Newhouse (www.newhouseshelter.org), a shelter dedicated to providing new beginnings to abused women and their children.

Originally timed to coincide with The Society of Decorating Professionals (SDP) annual conference, the outreach event rapidly gained enough interest and support to allow it to move forward despite The SDP's dissolution and the conference cancellation. "The women at Newhouse are counting on us," said Terry Grahl, founder and president of Enchanted Makeovers. "The conference that was originally planned for Kansas City gave us an opportunity to get the ball rolling and create awareness about the shelter. Thanks to all the volunteers and donors who have rallied around this cause, we have the momentum to move forward and make the outreach event happen even without the conference."

During the event, called Recipes of Hope, nearly a dozen volunteers from around the nation will spend time cooking at Kansas City-based Function Junction (www.functionjunction.com) with the 26 women who live at Newhouse and sitting down to the meal at the adjacent Gifted Hands gift shop (www.giftedhandskc.com) while sharing laughter, tears and fellowship. Grahl also aims to create a mini-makeover for the shelter through donations of handmade decorative and inspirational items, along with personal gifts for the women and children who live at the shelter.

In addition to Function Junction and Gifted Hands, other local and national businesses have stepped forward in support of the event. Local donors include Q Hotel + Spa (www.theqhotel.com), Westport Floral Designs (www.westportfloral.com) and Christina Lundeen Photography (www.christinalundeen.com).

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Rachel Gaffney of Dallas-based Rachel Gaffney's Authentic Irish Goods (www.rachelgaffneys.com) and Karen Watts of Kansas City are coordinating the food preparation and dining experience.

Additional donors are still needed to make the event a success. Specifically, Enchanted Makeovers is seeking help with transportation for 30 women to and from the event location.

To find out how you can get involved or to make a monetary donation, contact Terry Grahl at 734-776-0848 or Enchantedmakeovers@comcast.net, or visit www.enchantedmakeovers.org.

About Enchanted Makeovers:

Enchanted Makeovers, headquartered in Taylor, Mich., is an internationally recognized nonprofit organization that transforms shelters for women and children into heartwarming havens. In addition to facilitating complete shelter makeovers, the organization also coordinates events and assists with outreach efforts to women and children in shelters. Serving as a catalyst for change since 2007, Enchanted Makeovers relies on donations of time, talents and funding from individuals, businesses and corporations to realize each shelter makeover, event and outreach. The organization seeks to inspire individuals to realize their dreams by helping others. For more information, visit www.enchantedmakeovers.org.

About Newhouse

Founded in 1971, the Newhouse mission is to break the cycle of domestic violence by providing tools that allow women to make positive choices and lead self-sufficient lives. In 2009, Newhouse sheltered 943 women and children. www.newhouseshelter.org

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