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29 Diner to Host “Season of Giving” Holiday Dinner Celebration Benefiting 60 Shelter House Families

RESTON, VA – Shelter House is proud to partner with 29 Diner for their “Season of Giving” Holiday Dinner Celebration benefiting all 60 Shelter House families who are experiencing homelessness this holiday season.

29 Diner’s owner, John Wood, made a goal to provide each family member a gift to match their wish list this season and reached out to the community to ensure this goal was met. In addition to toys being at the top of the wish list for children, the community was asked to donate gift cards for grocery and transportation needs, cookware such as pots and pans, linens and more to assist the adults in their long-lasting needs. Individuals in the community have also been generous enough to make monetary donations to sponsor families, to provide each family member with a gift and meal throughout the holiday season.

Fairfax County’s Sheriff Stacey Kincaid and deputies, and Service Employees International Union (SEIU), will join Shelter House families and make the celebration truly special with their additional efforts.

“The generosity received from 29 Diner, John Wood and the community is remarkable,” said Shelter House Executive Director and CEO, Joe Meyer. “I am always so overwhelmed when we receive this amount of community support to make sure our families have a special holiday while they are not in the warmth and comfort of their own home this year. To come together with other community partners and have a shared passion with organizations like the 29 Diner, Fairfax County’s Sheriff Department and SEIU, truly make our vision of ending homelessness and domestic violence that much more achievable.”

“29 Diner’s ‘Season of Giving’ centers around our ability to collectively put our arms around every family at Shelter House”, said 29 Diner Owner, John Wood. “We wanted to stand against homelessness and domestic violence and celebrate the heroic families and their journey to independence for the holiday season. We hope the community will join us in celebrating these families by supporting Shelter House today.”

For more information about 29 Diner’s “Season of Giving” Holiday Dinner Celebration, contact John Wood directly at 703-715-7886 or john@29diner.com.

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About Shelter House, Inc.

Shelter House, Inc. is a community-based, non-profit organization that provides crisis intervention, safe housing and supportive services to homeless families and victims of domestic violence in our community. Our organization was formed in 1981, when several ecumenical groups came together to better serve Fairfax County’s low-income population. Shelter House’s administrative office is located in Reston, Virginia while operating three shelters in Fairfax County. Shelter House has been operating the Patrick Henry Family Shelter in Falls Church since 1985. In 2007, Shelter House was awarded Fairfax County’s contract to operate the Katherine K. Hanley Family Shelter in Fairfax. In 2010, Shelter House became the first non-profit to operate Artemis House, Fairfax County’s only 24-hour Domestic Violence Shelter. For more information about Shelter House and how you can get involved, visit www.shelterhouse.org.

About 29 Diner

29 Diner has been open since 1947 and has been under the operation of John Wood since 2014. The restaurant firmly believes in being part of the community is involved with dozens of non-profit organizations in the DC Metro area. 29 Diner takes pride in using only the highest quality ingredients in its food and offers breakfast, lunch, dinner, desserts and drinks and is open 24 hours a day Tuesday through Sunday. For more information, visit www.29diner.com.