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## **Shelter House Celebrates and Recognizes Dedicated Volunteers in its Organization**

**RESTON, VA** – On Wednesday, June 28, 2017, Shelter House held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Reception at Maggiano's in Tysons Corner. The Volunteer Appreciation Reception is an event to honor all of the volunteers who have made a true impact within the organization and the community. The event is a great celebration full of great Italian cuisine, raffle prizes and awards for individuals, groups and organizations who have gone above and beyond for Shelter House throughout the year.

Raffle prizes were donated specifically for the Volunteer Reception throughout the entire DC Metro area to better recognize the efforts Shelter House's volunteers dedicate to make the community a better place. Some of this year's raffle prizes included a Washington Capitals package, a Kings Dominion family trip, a Joe Grooming Men's Package and more. Most popular at the Reception, was a week-long vacation to Hawaii donated by Helios HR.

**"This is always my favorite event of the year, because it provides me the opportunity to see the enterprise as a whole,"** said Joe Meyer, Executive Director and CEO. **"All in one room, the staff, our donors, our amazing volunteer board, and all of the individuals, groups and organizations that have taken, and continue to take, the time out of their hectic schedules to give back in the effort to make our community a better place to live. We could not do what we do without the many hours of dedicated service our volunteers provide to all of us at Shelter House"**.

Throughout this fiscal year, volunteers collectively committed nearly 10,000 hours to the organization and clients who so desperately need the community's assistance. Due to these efforts, ending homelessness and saving victims from further abuse is possible.

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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](http://www.shelterhouse.org).