



## Notes from Home

### *Nocturne: A Midnight Brunch and Benefit*



Jam and Deborah's Place are celebrating anniversaries together! This month, [Jam, a popular new brunch and dinner spot](#) located in the West Town neighborhood of Chicago, will hold a midnight brunch to commemorate its one-year anniversary and to benefit Deborah's Place.

*Nocturne* will be on Saturday, July 10, at Jam - 937 North Damen Avenue. It will start at 10:00 PM in the Sculpture Garden with an hour of passed canapes and live music from the band Leather Push. Immediately following will be an auction of original artworks from artists Dann Nardi, Keith Brownlee, Chuck Walter, and Slang, as well as rare vintage posters from Century Guild Decorative Arts.

This is Jam's first-ever Midnight Brunch! Seating for this elegant and unprecedented four-course meal, prepared by Executive Chef Jeffrey Mauro (formerly of Charlie Trotter's and North Pond), is extremely limited so make sure to reserve your seats as soon as possible by calling (773) 489-0302

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### Did You Know?

Deborah's Place mission is to break the cycle of homelessness for women in Chicago. We seek to fulfill

Nocturne: A Midnight Brunch and Benefit will launch a week-long anniversary celebration at Jam. From Monday, July 12 - Friday, July 16, diners at Jam will be treated to free coffee with every entree. And on Saturday, July 17, Jam will offer complimentary champagne to guests throughout the day.



**Nocturne: A Midnight Brunch and Benefit**

**Saturday, July 10, 2010**

**[Jam - 937 N. Damen Avenue](#)**

**Reception begins at 10:00 PM**

**Cost to enter the reception is a charitable donation at the door**

**Midnight Brunch seating at 11:30 PM**

**\$55 per person**

**Call (773) 489-0302 for reservations**

**Contact Jerry Suqi at (312) 617-8711 with additional questions**

**[A Woman's Words](#)**

**Every month we will share a poem, story, or perhaps a few short sentences from a woman of Deborah's Place who has allowed us to share a piece of her life with you.**

**This is a continuation of Tiffany's story, previously featured in the May eUpdate, in her own words.**

*"I was beat a lot. I would soon find out from my grandma that my Mom did her best, the only way she knew how. Around 14, she gave up on me; at least that's what it felt like. I ran away and never looked back. Even when I would come back she would not let me in. I had to fend for myself..."*

this mission through the expression of our core values:

\* Creative expression and self-determination, and an individual's freedom to make choices

\* Building community through relationships, communication and social commitment

\* The right to quality services delivered with respect and empathy

\* Diversity that honors differences in age, culture, and social orientation

\* The right to safe, clean, affordable housing

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*I would go to school hungry, stinky, and looking like a bum. Kids teased me, beat me up, and chased me almost everyday. I started gaining weight and fighting back (had to make sure no one hurt me again.) I was on a comeback as a teen. I stayed in a teen shelter but always got kicked out for fighting or not following rules.*

*I discovered I was bipolar when I was 18 years old. I always knew something was not right with me, but did not know what.*

*I have been trying to go to school forever but I fear change like it's a job. So I always put it off. My drinking and drugging through the years only made things worse. But then she came and made me realize all that had to change, if she was going to make it.*

*Who is she? My niece. You see what I notice is that I had no one in my corner when I was a kid. No one to talk to and show me the way of love. I mean people always talked at me never to me. I want (my niece) to know right from wrong. That she's got me in her corner. So my change is really not for me; it's for her. I want to be able to tell her something and she gets it. I don't want her to be angry and hurt and alone like I was.*

*So I ask myself, how can I do that if I haven't learned myself?*

*So at Marah's I want to get better mentally. I want to go to school and be the example (my niece) needs. I feel that's my destiny, my life's purpose: to end the cycle of hurt for the next generations after me.*

*Now that's my purpose, why I'm here...what's yours?"*

**Thank you, Tiffany, for courageously sharing your story.**

## **Deborah's Place Volunteer Featured on CBS 2's "Someone You Should Know"**



Harry Porterfield, news anchor for CBS 2 Chicago, thinks that Penny Applegate, a long-time volunteer and supporter of Deborah's Place, is



"Someone You Should Know." And so do we.

Penny has volunteered at Deborah's Place for as long as the organization has existed - 25 years. She does everything from serve on Deborah's Place event committees, the fundraising commission, and the Advisory Council, but her true passion is in building direct relationships with the individual women served at Deborah's Place.

Harry Porterfield's "Somone You Should Know" segment on Penny and the women of Deborah's Place reflects Penny's strong commitment to improving her community through volunteerism. Mr. Porterfield also interviews two residents of Deborah's Place and Executive Director Audrey Thomas.

This segment aired on Monday, June 28, and we're so pleased to be able to share the story of one of our many dedicated volunteers with our community. Watch the video here!

["Someone You Should Know" on CBS 2 news](#)

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## ***Deborah's Place 25th Anniversary Celebration a Success!***



On Thursday, June 17, Deborah's Place celebrated a quarter century of service at the 25th Anniversary Celebration Event at the Garfield Park Conservatory.

270 friends and supporters gathered together for a sold-out event celebrating 25 years of breaking the cycle of homelessness for women in Chicago. The memorable evening featured an exciting live auction and paddle raise, thirteen raffle packages, and a seated dinner, and all together raised over \$80,000 for Deborah's Place! The event was featured in several media outlets: Crain's Chicago Business Blog, on the ABC 7 news, and on the NBC 5 News.

To read more about the event, view pictures, and watch news clips, please visit the News & Events page of website by following this link:

[25th Anniversary Celebration Review](#)

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## ***Volunteers Join Forces for the Women Everywhere Community Service Day Event***

On June 10, volunteers of the Women Everywhere Project were deployed to 30 local service sites to donate their time and energy painting, gardening, organizing libraries and assisting in food distribution. Deborah's Place was fortunate to welcome several of these volunteers from Schiff Hardin LLP. The volunteers helped clean the building and serve lunch at Marah's Housing Program in Lakeview.

Deborah's Place's involvement the Women Everywhere Project was lead by RoxAnne L. Rochester, a Deborah's Place supporter for 20 years, and a staff attorney for the Circuit Court of Cook County. In conjunction with this project, Deborah's Place was invited to speak at the Circuit Court of Cook County for the annual Women Everywhere, Partners in Service Project Judicial Reception. Sarah Letson, Development Coordinator, spoke to dozens of judges, attorneys, and other staff, including Judge Timothy C. Evans, Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County, who is pictured here with Sarah Letson and volunteer RoxAnne L. Rochester.



From left-right: Sarah Letson, DP Development Coordinator; Chief Judge Timothy C. Evans; RoxAnne L. Rochester, Attorney and Long-time DP Volunteer

We are so grateful for the support of Chief Judge Evans, RoxAnne and all of the Women Everywhere volunteers who have supported the annual Community Service Day Project for more than a decade.

## ***Deloitte Makes an Impact Deborah's Place!***

On June 11, over 20 volunteers from Deloitte spent the day at the Deborah's Place Rebecca Johnson Apartments in East Garfield Park for their annual Impact Day. Deloitte employees across the nation provide volunteer services to a variety of organizations on this day every year, and thanks to the hard work of Professional Auxiliary Board Member and Deloitte employee SiSi Shen and other

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advocates, Deborah's Place was lucky enough to welcome one of their groups.

While some volunteers laid ground cover, planted flowers and picked up garbage in the areas around the building, others lead a series of financial education classes for the residents inside. The volunteers also treated themselves and the residents and staff to a pizza lunch.

Deloitte's vision for the annual project is that "IMPACT Day is a celebration that symbolizes Deloitte's year-round commitment to service. Tens of thousands of Deloitte personnel from across the United States spend IMPACT Day participating in more than 800 projects nationwide. Nearly a third of IMPACT Day volunteer projects are skills-based, enabling our people to contribute their business skills and knowledge to nonprofits in need."

Deloitte certainly did contribute their skills and proved once again their commitment to helping women who are homeless at Deborah's Place. Thank you Deloitte!



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