



Phoenix House
Rising Above Addiction

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Phoenix House Offers Hope in Hamptons Community

**Phoenix House Benefit To Honor Tony DiSanto and Lauran & Charlie Walk
Southampton, Saturday, June 26, 2010, 6-8 PM**

NEW YORK – June 11, 2010 – At its annual summer party, Phoenix House, the nation's leading nonprofit provider of substance abuse treatment and prevention services, will honor **Tony DiSanto** and **Lauran & Charlie Walk** as leaders in public service in New York City and the Hamptons. Mr. DiSanto is President of Programming for MTV. Mr. Walk is the CEO and Founder of CWE Media and Chairman of RJW Collective.

“Every community in this country is affected on some level by drugs and addiction,” says Phoenix House President and CEO **Howard Meitiner**. “With the support and dedication of our honorees, **Tony DiSanto** and **Lauran & Charlie Walk**, Phoenix House continues to be deeply committed to serving men, women, and teens in the Hamptons.”

The benefit will raise money for two key Phoenix House programs serving the Hamptons community: an outpatient center that offers group, individual, and family therapy and the Phoenix House Academy of Long Island in Wainscott, which provides residential treatment to teens along with educational and vocational services.

“Substance abuse is something that can, and most likely has, touched someone you know,” says honoree **Tony DiSanto**. “That makes support of Phoenix House an absolute necessity. Battling substance abuse is an ongoing struggle, and places like Phoenix House need continuous and consistent support to continue to operate and help people.”

“Phoenix House’s ability to educate, treat and prevent in a timely, no-nonsense way makes the difference,” says honoree Charlie Walk, who recalled a phone call from a friend, seeking care for a father of three in desperate need of treatment. With nowhere else to turn, Walk called Phoenix House. “We helped a family; we saved a family.”

Randy Jackson, event chairperson and emcee believes “the greatest gift a person can give to one in need is an act of kindness, given freely when no one else will help. Phoenix House heals people suffering from drug abuse, at times when they have nowhere else to go. It’s a haven, a sanctuary, a place to rediscover one’s self. In a world in which the pain of substance abuse exists, we are truly blessed that Phoenix House exists, too.”

Entertainer Nick Cannon, an event chairperson, adds, “I’ve always believed that when people are provided with the proper care, guidance and love, they will discover how to channel the very best in themselves. Phoenix House represents this for individuals who suffer with the disease of substance abuse. It’s an extremely important institution and the work they have been able to accomplish has been nothing short of miraculous.”

Phoenix House founder, Mitchell S. Rosenthal, M.D. and numerous Phoenix House board members including Carol Hertling, Brendan Hoffman, Jeff McDermott, and Andrew Rosen are supporting this event. Honorary chairpersons are Randy Jackson, Brett Ratner, Heide Banks, with event chairpersons Nick Cannon, Haley & Jason Binn, Ashley & Jeff McDermott, Rose Marie Bravo CBE, and Andrew Rosen. Junior chairpersons include Kira Cohen, Brittny Gastineau, Daniel & Derek Koch, Candice Miller, and Sierra Winter.

DJ Cassidy will provide musical entertainment for the cocktails portion of the evening, followed by DJ Donna D’Cruz.

For more information, media inquiries about Phoenix House, or to speak with Howard Meitiner, please contact Karen Sodomick, Director of Marketing and Communications at 646 505 2093 or ksodomick@phoenixhouse.org. To purchase tickets visit <http://www.phoenixhouse.org/national/national-events/summerparty/>. For Sponsorship information and other inquiries, please contact Linda B. Shapiro at 631 329 5480 or lbsp@optonline.net.

About Phoenix House

Phoenix House is the nation’s leading non-profit provider of substance abuse treatment and prevention services, serving more than 5300 men, women (including women and children), and teens each day at more than 120 programs in 10 states—California, Connecticut, Florida, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New York,

Rhode Island, Texas, and Vermont. For more information, visit www.phoenixhouse.org.

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