

PRESENTED BY:



BENEFITING:



**OUR ROARING  
30<sup>TH</sup> GALA**  
**Keeping Dreams Alive**  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2018

Leave your auction paddle, but please take this program home.

# This Evening's Agenda

- 6:00-7:15 PM Welcome "ROX & Razz" Gin Cocktail, Craft Beer tasting from Nine Band Brewing Company & Hors d'Oeuvres (Games of Chance, Photos, Raffle & Prize Pull Tickets)
- 6:00-10:00 PM Silent Auction Viewing & Mobile Bidding
- 7:15-8:00 PM Dinner Seating, Proclamation by Mayor Harry LaRosiliere, Invocation (Enjoy visiting with your guests)
- 8:00-9:15 PM City House Presentation, Appeal, Invisible Thread Award, Live Auction
- 9:15-11:15 PM Entertainment & Dancing
- 9:15-11:00 PM Gaming Parlor Reopens
- 10:00 PM Silent Auction Closes
- 10:30 PM-12:00 AM Silent Auction Item Pickup (Second Floor)
- 11:10 PM Prize Pull Winners Announced From Main Stage (Must be present to win)
- 11 PM-12:30 AM Third Floor Poolside After Party (weather permitting)

**Have a safe drive home! Thank you for supporting City House!**

## Menu

Passed Hors d'Oeuvres	Chicken Chao Tom with sugarcane & lemongrass ginger syrup dipping sauce. Village Farms Roasted Tomatoes with cheese pearl, basil oil, & toasted ciabatta
Salad	Farmer's Garden Salad with romaine lettuce, free-range hard boiled eggs, applewood smoked bacon, avocado (Guest choice of Roquefort dressing or Texas Sweet 1015 Onion vinaigrette)
	Eclectic variety of breads with Lucky Layla Butter
Entree	Braised Short Ribs with Red Wine Reduction Roasted Seasonal Vegetables Smoked Gouda Potato Gratin
Dessert	Peach & Ginger Cheesecake with Texas blackberry compote, whipped crème fraîche, & pecan praline

Tonight's wine generously donated by: Republic National Distributors  
Thank you to Eric Messer for tonight's invocation.  
Special appearance by City House residential client Rochelle Renfro

Dear Friends,

Greetings, and thank you so much for joining us on this very special occasion. We dedicate this anniversary gala to all of you here with us tonight, and to those not able to come this evening who have made it possible for City House to sustain its mission for 30 years. Along with our staff, Board of Directors, and volunteers, I am so appreciative for the support given to us over the last 30 years to protect our youth, empower change, and transform lives.

Tonight we will recognize this year's Invisible Thread Award winner. This annual award created by City House honors someone who has repeatedly given back to advance the lives of children and older youth in our community. Tonight, Paula and Rusty Gentry will be our deserving recipients.

We want to thank former Dallas Cowboy Billy Joe DuPree, and his lovely wife Marsha, for chairing our Silent and Live Auctions this year. A very special thank you goes to Carol Roberts, head of Community Relations with Albertsons/Tom Thumb Companies. Carol has been an incredible friend and supporter of City House, along with a number of other charities in North Texas. She and her company do a lot of good for many, and this is the sixth year in a row that the company has been our title sponsor.

This year's top Live Auction highlights include a night with "The Boss," a five-star Mediterranean yachting experience, a fabulous custom-made Don Morphy suit, a beautifully designed Herman Miller home office, a Cowboys Legends dinner hosted by The Capital Grille, along with a few more destinations and once-in-a-lifetime experiences that promise something for everyone.

Our big Prize Pull standouts are spectacular. How about a \$2,500 merchandise extravaganza generously donated by the Shinola Detroit & Filson Store, or a lovely selection of 90+ rated bottles of wine? Enjoy our gaming parlor where your winnings are converted to prize pull tickets, or just purchase them on your own.

Weather permitting, we will continue the soirée poolside on the third floor roof for a hot cup of Joe, a little sweet bite, or an optional late-night libation.

We can never thank you and your guests enough for your support and what it means to everyone associated with the City House mission.

Enjoy your friends, and have a terrific time!

With immense gratitude,



Sheri Messer  
Executive Director

P.S. Ask Paula or Rusty Gentry about their Croatia trip this summer!





## BOARD of DIRECTORS

Executive Director  
**Sheri Messer**

President  
**Marc Miller**  
Sr. Vice President, Capital Title

Vice President  
**Jennifer Hipskind,**  
SVP, Group President,  
Southern Stores Division JCPenney

Treasurer,  
**Trey Kennedy**  
Partner, BKM Sowan Horan, LLP

## DIRECTORS

**Amy Adams**  
President, Preferred Imaging

**Lindsey Altwine**  
VP Global Human Resources/  
Compensation Consultant, Bank of  
America

**Connie Cagle**  
Partner, BKD National Healthcare  
Group

**Bill Durkin**  
Sergeant, Plano Police Department

**Tracie Gusola**  
Business Banking Dallas Market  
Executive, Capital One

**Lisa Halfmann**  
VP of Human Resources,  
Daryl Flood Relocation & Logistics

**Rick Link**  
Senior Vice President, UBS

**Jodi Miller**  
Educator, Plano ISD

**Dr. Deborah Moon**  
Lakeside Vision & Optical

**Michael Mox**  
Business Manager, RE/MAX  
Dallas Suburbs

**James Thomas**  
Student Services Coordinator,  
Plano ISD

**Barbara Walch**  
Associate Publisher & Food Editor,  
Plano Profile Magazine



## Thank you, Rebecca, for helping keep dreams alive

As a City House board member from 2013 to 2018, Rebecca Armstrong helped us make a big difference in the lives of at-risk children and young adults here in Collin County. We'll always count her as a valued member of the City House family—and we're grateful for her continued support.



Call Rebecca at **KoonsFuller** Dallas, 214.871.2727 or visit [koonsfuller.com](http://koonsfuller.com).  
Family Law

**MANY THANKS  
TO OUR  
FOUNDER  
LEVEL SPONSOR**



the answer company™  
**THOMSON REUTERS®**

THOMSONREUTERS.COM

**THANK YOU**

TO ALL OUR

*Wonderful  
Volunteers*

WHO MADE THIS  
NIGHT HAPPEN!

**IN MEMORIAM - JUDY VANDERARK**

*A Life Well Lived*

City House wishes to honor our dear friend and longtime volunteer, Judy VanderArk, whom we lost last year. Judy was truly one of a kind. She had deep compassion for her community and those around her, and generously gave her time to many organizations in the area to help others.

Her energy and zest for life is greatly missed. Judy was passionate about her family, strong in her faith, committed to her friends, and devoted to helping others.

As a longtime volunteer for the City House mission and the youth we support, we will forever be in Judy's debt, and are grateful for her benevolence over the years for so many who were in our care.

# Tonight's Entertainment



The Texas Gypsies is comprised of Grammy winners and seasoned musicians who have backed many of today's top jazz, swing, and pop performers, including: The Blues Brothers, The Jacksons, Paul McCartney and Wings, Ray Charles, Ella Fitzgerald, Wynton Marsalis, Ray Price, Tony Bennett, and more!

They are known for their unique take on Classic Jazz and Swing music from the 1920s era to the 1940s Big Band sound. This "Retro-Eclectic" award-winning band has established itself as a unique and fun group, perfect for any event!

The Texas Gypsies' original music has been used on many TV networks, from MTV, Nickelodeon, Oxygen, Food Network, A&E, FOX, BBC and more. Their original song, "Maxwell Swing," was used in the movie *The Smell of Success* (starring Billy Bob Thornton and Tea Leoni).

They were named "Best Western Swing Group" by The Academy of Western Artists, and their debut CD, *The Texas Gypsies*, was in the running for the 2005 Grammy® for "Best Jazz Album."

The Texas Gypsies are part of the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces touring program, the Mid-America Arts Alliance, and the Touring Artist Program of the Texas Commission on the Arts.

## Steve Curry – Guitar & Vocals

Steve has studied various guitar styles at the Musicians Institute in LA, and toured or recorded with diverse artists such as The Jacksons, Boney James, Jeff Buckley, D.O.C., and many more. He has also played as a session guitarist on multiple television and film tracks for Disney, Cartoon Network, & FOX, and writes the original music for Texas Gypsies.

## SPECIAL THANK YOU

TO OUR EVENT PARTNERS

*Brand Divas – Event Creative*

*Raising Cane's – For your ongoing support of our kids, events, and mission*

*Mint Farm Films / Franchise Sports (Tom Fireoved) –  
Sports Celebrity Agent and Sports Documentary Filmmaker*

*Jalin Jewelers – Longtime supporter of City House*

*Jim & Janelle Gauthier – Longtime City House supporters and experts  
in designing custom experiences for the discerning traveler*

*Phillip Pierceall, Swing City – Our Auctioneer extraordinaire*

*Plano Profile Magazine – Media Partner*

*Skyline SECTOR 5 – Event signage and display production*

*Mary Knox LST Marketing – Sports Celebrity Management*

*Voom Group – The best printing solution company in DFW!  
Your generosity in helping us with our needs throughout  
the year is greatly appreciated.*

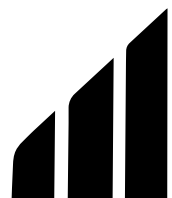
*Ryan Bertolino, President – Event Mechanics*

*Special thank you to The Billionova Agency ([www.thebillionova.agency](http://www.thebillionova.agency))*

*Thank you to Marsha and Billy Joe DuPree for chairing our Auction,  
the hundreds of incredible business and restaurants who provided  
City House with such outstanding merchandise and services,  
and to all the volunteers who tirelessly solicited these wonderful offerings.*

THANK YOU,  
ANDREW HICKS  
& THE MILESTONE GROUP

FOR BEING SUCH A  
FABULOUS FRIEND AND SUPPORTER  
OF CITY HOUSE AND THE  
YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITY!



**THE  
MILESTONE  
GROUP**

Wealth Through Discipline

[themilestonegroup.com](http://themilestonegroup.com)

—THE INVISIBLE THREAD AWARD—

## THE RIGHT THING TO DO



2018 Invisible Thread  
Award Honorees  
Paula & Rusty  
Gentry



City House is honored to present the fifth Invisible Thread Award for community service to Paula and Rusty Gentry, pillars in the North Texas community.

City House created the Invisible Thread Award in honor of Laura Schroff, who wrote the *New York Times* bestseller, *An Invisible Thread*. It's the story of a busy executive and a disadvantaged young boy crossing paths, and how one small gesture of kindness changed both of their lives forever. We liked the idea of how going to bat for someone less fortunate can be such a game-changer for those who have no advocate.

Since moving to Collin County in 2011 to take over management of Toyota of Plano, Rusty and Paula Gentry have been very active in our community. Through their philanthropic endeavors, they have left a generous footprint on a number of organizations serving underprivileged and at-risk children and youth.

Rusty has been involved with the Rotary Club, the Plano City Library, and the Plano Chamber of Commerce, and was

awarded their 2016 Business Executive of the Year.

Rusty and Paula are supporters of several important organizations in Collin County that make a difference in so many lives every day. Rusty's motto is "Do What's Right," and their profound support of City House is only the tip of the iceberg, as the Gentrys have also impacted many lives associated with these other important missions in our community:

Hendrick Scholarship Foundation  
CASA  
Rotary International  
Plano Independent School District  
My Possibilities  
MDA  
Hope's Door  
The Make-A-Wish Foundation  
The Samaritan Inn  
Boys and Girls Clubs of America

City House salutes Paula and Rusty as true leaders of philanthropy in the North Texas community. We are proud of our association and friendship. Thank you for what you do for all, and for all that you have done for City House!

*Thank you to our generous sponsors!*

**PRESENTING**



**DINNER SPONSOR**

Mr. & Mrs. Rick Link

**ENTERTAINMENT SPONSOR**

Table 13

**FOUNDER LEVEL SUPPORTERS**

Thomson Reuters

Toyota of Plano

WRG

**PLATINUM**

AdvoCare  
BlueCross BlueShield  
The Capital Grille

JCPenney  
Mary Beth & Jim  
Schumacher

Voom Group Printing  
Solutions

**GOLD**

American Airlines  
The Andrea-Mennen Family  
Foundation  
Apostrophe D  
BNK Insurance  
(Matt Nangle)  
Nancy & Don Boyd  
Capital Title  
Dance Vision

Don Morphy Privé  
Clothiers  
Frost Insurance  
GM Construction  
Guidepost Solutions  
Hard Rock Land Design  
KoonsFuller Family Law  
The Milestone Group  
(Andrew Hicks)

Montgomery Coscia  
Greulich, LLP  
OrthoTexas  
Pier 1 Imports  
Plano Profile Magazine  
The Sam Moon Group  
Texas Health Presbyterian  
Hospital Plano

**SILVER**

Mr. & Mrs. Shane Adams  
Mr. & Mrs. John Altwine  
BBVA Compass Bank  
BKD CPAs & Advisors  
BKM Sowan Horan, LLP  
Capital One  
Caring Hearts Charity  
David & Sons Construction  
Chris & David Downs  
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Gibbons  
The Halfmanns  
Jennifer & Steve Hipskind

Mr. & Mrs. Ron Holm  
Mr. & Mrs. Mark Jenison  
JP & Associates Realtors  
Lakeside Vision & Optical  
Mr. & Mrs. Dalton McGaha  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Mox  
(RE/MAX)  
Mr. & Mrs. Ron Ort  
Park Place Dealerships  
The Patten Family  
Raising Cane's  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Renfro

St. Andrews United  
Methodist Church  
Scheef & Stone  
Margaret Thompson  
Connie & Jeff Uhri  
The VanderArk Family  
Karen Voelker  
Barbara Walch  
Wells Fargo Advisors/Bruce  
Galpert & Susan Ortega  
Cisneros  
Mrs. Barry Williams

**CORPORATE & COMMUNITY PARTNERS**

Celanese Corporation

City of Plano Police  
Department

CoServ  
Maverick Capital

SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL INDIVIDUAL SEAT SUPPORTERS!

**THANK YOU**

*Table* **13**  
Fine Dining \* Music \* Cocktails

**FOR YOUR  
CONTINUED  
GENEROSITY  
AND SUPPORT!**

[table13addison.com](http://table13addison.com)



## WITH THE VOICE OF AN ANGEL —

### CHRISSIE RIVER'S STORY

I am the oldest of four children. Each of my younger siblings, my mother, and my stepfather are all Caucasian. I, on the other hand, am biracial. I found out when I was 6 years old that my biological father sexually assaulted my mother at knifepoint, which is how she came to be pregnant with me. She tells a beautiful story of how hopelessly depressed she was prior to the rape, and swears that my conception was the answer to the first sincere prayer she'd prayed in a very long time. It's a powerful story, but one that I wasn't willing or able to sincerely identify with until I did the work to believe in my own unique beauty.

As a teen, my mother and stepfather went through one of those heartbreaking, earth-shattering, soul-crushing divorces. It was the kind of divorce that splits everyone you love down the middle. Those types of splits cause everyone who loves this couple and their children to

pick a side and rally. So, because she is my mother and she chose me, I chose her too. My stepfather and siblings left the state, and it was devastating for us all. I began using drugs and alcohol at the age of 11, and by the time the divorce was in full swing, I was a daily drug user. The trauma of feeling abandoned by my family, coupled with the crippling heartbreak my mother was suffering through, led us to part ways in my teens. I was resentful and bitter about this for years, but today I know that even as a minor I played a huge part in our separation. I was a rebellious rule breaker from birth, and my mother was so damaged by the destruction of her family... we were an unhealthy match.

So I found myself in need of places to crash. I found City House during this time in my youth. My stay was brief because I hated the rules, but the effect it had on me was profound. I left there understanding that there were people in this world who dedicated themselves and their lives to improving the quality of life for the people around them. My stay here planted a permanent seed of hope within me by giving me the belief that if I could move beyond my problems, maybe I could help others to do the same. It took me many more years of addiction, coupled with dangerous promiscuity, a job in the sex trade, and gut-wrenching addiction to get clean, but I finally, finally did. I had a son at 19 whose birth saved me from the bleak world of gentlemen's clubs. He is my biggest miracle. At 29, I got sober for the last time (so far) and have been committed to my recovery ever since.

I began singing in public again around nine years ago, and I have learned that my voice is one of the most powerful tools in my spiritual toolkit. I have come to believe that my purpose while I'm

here on earth is to connect people to one another and help them identify their emotions so that they can see themselves and their lives more clearly. I believe we each have a unique purpose here on this earth, and oftentimes the discovery of those gifts is buried amongst the debris of adversity. When I see someone suffering today my heart breaks for them, but I also begin to get excited. I'm not a psychopath. I just believe with everything I am that assets are simply liabilities with a God-sized makeover.

**KIDS WHO ARE SUFFERING CAN BE SO VERY HARD TO LOVE WELL. THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE MADE IT THEIR LIFE'S MISSION SHOULD BE SUPPORTED BY ALL OF US.**

That's why I think the work City House is doing is so special. I can't think of anything harder than being a kid without a parent present to guide, support, and believe in you. If there is a more vulnerable group in our society, it's not coming to mind. However, if the worst things we've suffered as human beings are also our greatest assets, then it should go without saying that what City House is actually doing is nurturing the wounded by planting seeds of hope in the lives of our future leaders. Kids who are suffering can be so very hard to love well. The people who have made it their life's mission should be supported by all of us.

Today, my son is 20 years old and thriving. I am a successful marketing and training director in corporate America. I have been sober from drugs and alcohol for more than 10 years! I support other women in recovery and volunteer in a few ways in our community and even

have a few side gigs singing and health coaching.

I grew up believing deeply in the idea that I didn't matter. It wasn't that anyone told me I didn't matter. I can't think of a time when anyone ever actually said those words to me. My lack of belief in myself was something I decided. I looked at the world around me and I saw beautiful, fair-skinned people with hair that blew in the wind, and lightly colored eyes that danced like water in the sun, and I decided that my mud-colored skin and nappy hair were all the evidence required to prove my ineptitude. But years of service and powerful relationships with other amazing women have opened my eyes to my own power and strength.

So today, as far as I'm concerned, my life is a success! Every trauma I experienced along the way is a unique jewel in my trove of treasures to identify with others who suffer. I'm more thankful than I can sufficiently express for people who believe in other people. And I'm thankful beyond words to be given an opportunity to say thank you to some of the people who've helped me grow up... even if it took a little extra time.








**CITY HOUSE EMERGENCY SHELTER**

*(Ages newborn to 18 years)*

Known as My Friend’s House (MFH), our emergency shelter provides around-the-clock residential care and services in partnership with Child Protective Services for kids who have been removed from their homes due to abuse and/or neglect. RHY (Runaway and Homeless Youth) are also granted support through MFH with an average stay of 21 days, often referred through the juvenile court system, school districts, or word of mouth.

At City House, the staff and volunteers are dedicated to helping every child, youth and young adult develop the confidence they need to improve their life, especially while coping with traumatic circumstances.

We strive to give every child and young adult who comes to us for services the skills and confidence to succeed in life.



**City House**

Protecting Youth.  
Empowering Change.  
Transforming Lives.

**EMERGENCY SHELTER:**

Services for Residents:

- Food, shelter & clothing
- Medical & dental assistance
- Psychological assessments & counseling services
- Case management & developmental evaluations
- Education assistance & life skills training

**DEMOGRAPHICS:**



41% Males / 59% Females



African American - 31%

Hispanic - 24%

Caucasian - 42%

Other/Multi-Racial - 3%

**TRANSITIONAL LIVING PROGRAM:**

Our 18-month Transitional Living Program equips homeless and at-risk young adults ages 18 to 22 years old with the skills and education to become independent, productive young adults.

Services for Residents:

- Basic Needs (food, clothing, shelter)
- Case Management
- Education Assistance
- Job Training & Financial Management
- Life Skills

**DEMOGRAPHICS:**



49% Males / 51% Females



African American - 59%

Hispanic - 5%

Caucasian - 30%

Other/Multi-Racial - 5%

## YOUTH & FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES

Free counseling services are provided to any youth, young adult, and their families with licensed, experienced on-staff therapists.

## YOUTH RESOURCE CENTER IS A GO-TO DESTINATION

Our community Youth Resource Center for at-risk young adults up to 21 years is in a highly accessible location, within walking distance of a DART station and bus stop.

Our Community Outreach Team Wants to Meet with You!

To arrange for a presentation on at-risk youth or to speak with an Outreach Team member, please call 972-424-4626.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

#### Volunteering

The heartbeat of City House is the hundreds of volunteers who assist with the seamless operation of our programs, administration, fundraising, and countless other responsibilities in support of our mission. Please contact us for more information about volunteering.

#### Ways to Give

The number of neglected and homeless youth continues to grow along with the population. Every monetary gift, regardless of the amount, makes a difference.

#### Third-Party Events

Help us party with a purpose! Any occasion, real or made-up, at which the host can ask guests to designate a gift to City House is a fun and unique way to give back. We are full of ideas and always interested in new ones, so call or email us to discuss.

[www.cityhouse.org](http://www.cityhouse.org)

#### Gift Cards

City House can always use gift cards! We literally can never have enough, and no amount is too small. We use them to buy groceries, toiletries and items for our shelter, TLP homes and Resource Centers. We never know the ages or sizes of our residents and it's so helpful to have gift cards so we can purchase specifically for an individual. Albertsons, Kroger, Target, Walmart, Amazon, Visa, Discover and MasterCard are the most helpful.

#### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP

Our greatest fundraising opportunities are our community events (golf outings, concerts, speaker luncheons, and annual gala), and we look to businesses in the community to be partners and primary supporters.

For more information on individual and corporate giving, please visit our website [www.cityhouse.org](http://www.cityhouse.org) and explore Ways to Give. Don't forget to look at current volunteer opportunities under "Volunteer."

*Thank you*  
**JCPenney**  
*for your*  
*generous support!*

[jcpenny.com](http://jcpenny.com)

## LIVE AUCTION RULES

The Live Auction will begin promptly at the completion of the dinner program, and will continue uninterrupted until all items are sold. To bid on an item, raise your bidder number card (given at the registration table), and keep it held high until your bid is acknowledged by the Auctioneer. Spotters will be posted throughout the room to ensure your bid is acknowledged.

The Auctioneer will have the sole and final authority to determine the winning bidder. A spotter will record your bid number and purchase price. Your purchase will be noted on your account, and you can pick up your item at check-out.

### CHECK-OUT PROCEDURES

(FOR LIVE AND SILENT AUCTION ITEMS)

The Silent Auction room will be closed promptly at 10:00 pm to ready items for pick up (pick up is available between 10:30 pm-12:00 am). Signs will indicate where to pick up your items.

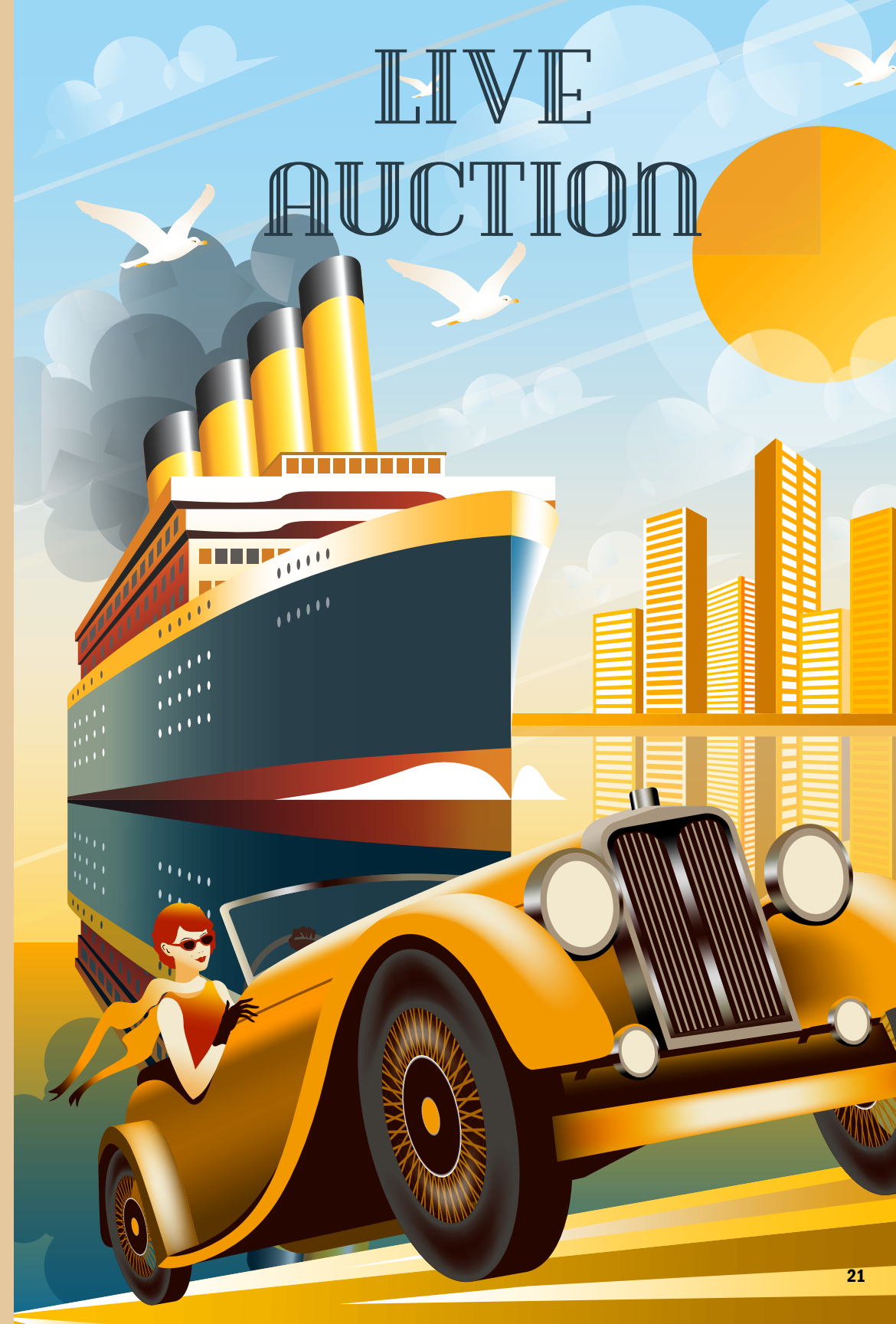
***NOTE: Need to leave early before check-out opens?***

All unclaimed items will be taken to the City House Administrative Office (830 Central Parkway East, Ste #350, Plano, TX 75074), and can be collected there beginning Tuesday, September 11th.

Please contact: Karen Voelker, Sr. Community Manager:  
kvoelker@cityhouse.org or 972-424-4626, ext. 312.



A very special thank you to  
Phillip Pierceall, our phenomonal Auctioneer,  
for helping to get us to our fundraising goal!





## CROATIAN RIVIERA TRIP FOR UP TO FOUR PEOPLE

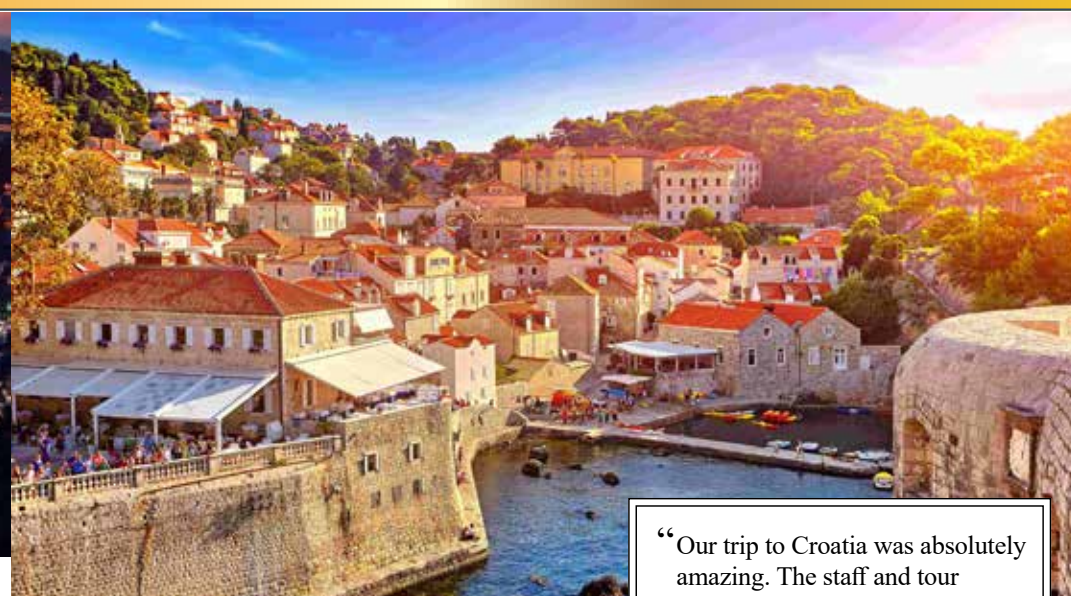
Spend 7 nights for up to 4 people in the stunning Adriatic islands of Croatia. Stay in a modern 2 bedroom, 2 bathroom apartment located on a beautiful promenade just 100 meters from the gorgeous Adriatic Sea.

The near-effervescent waters of the Adriatic Sea and the food, culture, and history of the area make this a trip of a lifetime. Airport transport and a personal concierge are included in this spectacular package.

This adventure includes time for 3 private island day tours and self-exploration of beautiful Croatia! Visit the island of Hvar to see Stari Grad, one of the oldest towns in Europe. The island of Trogir features Fortress Klis, used for filming in the hit TV show *Game of Thrones*, and Krka National Park, home of the 1,000 enchanting waterfalls. Brač includes stops at an ancient olive oil museum, Croatia's finest wine areas, fabulous lunch in an ancient hamlet, the historical Stonemason School in Pučišća, and more!

A local concierge is provided for planning and booking, making the trip customizable. Airfare is not included, which affords the trip to have no blackout dates and allows you to fly any class you prefer. Choose to apply 50,000 American Airlines AAdvantage miles generously donated by City House supporter and partner, American Airlines.

*Valid for 2 years \* No Blackout Dates \* Minimum of 60 days' travel notice required*



“Our trip to Croatia was absolutely amazing. The staff and tour operators were first-class. The day tours of Brač Island and Krka National park were unbelievable! The exquisite views, beaches, zip-lining, and other activities were outstanding. The hotel was perfect with a pool, wonderful views, great food, and a fantastic location.

The Croatian people are so friendly and accommodating. The best thing was the prices were reasonable, and the food and drink were delicious.

We will definitely be going back and may never return!”

—Rusty and Paula Gentry



## SEA DREAMING

### 7-NIGHT LUXURY MEDITERRANEAN VOYAGE FOR TWO

Sail between May–October and choose your voyage. Voyages Depart from: Athens, Barcelona, Cannes, Dubrovnik, Monte Carlo, Nice, Rome & Venice. Special Wine Voyages are also available!

Condé Nast Traveler Gold List awarded SeaDream with the highest honor, outscoring all other lines | Berlitz rated SeaDream as 5-Star and continued the honor of being named “Exclusive” above luxury | Travel + Leisure World’s Best Awards recognized SeaDream as the “World’s Best”

**56 Couples | 95 Crew | 5-Star Cuisine | Inclusive**

*SEADREAM YACHT CLUB, It's yachting, not cruising*

Over the past 14 years, the twin, elegant mega-yacht cruisers *SeaDream I & II* have received numerous awards, honors and accolades from authoritative travel publications and various industry organizations. The expression “yachting” is not only a statement about size, it describes a lifestyle aboard the intimate vessels. Chic and stylish, SeaDream’s 56-stateroom twin yachts are favored for their elegant informality, personal service provided by a crew of 95, state-of-the-art facilities, inclusive open bar and gratuities, ocean view accommodations, luxury spa and world-class cuisine. Itineraries feature hidden yachting harbors and the smaller, less-crowded ports of the Caribbean and Mediterranean.

Choose to apply 50,000 American Airlines AAdvantage miles generously donated by City House supporter and partner, American Airlines.

*Special Thanks to Jim & Janelle Gauthier for securing this wonderful experience for City House.*

### CASUALLY ELEGANT - PRIVATE YACHT EXPERIENCE

- Unstructured, it is all about personal choice
- Only 47-56 couples pampered by award-winning service and cuisine
- Open seating dining indoors or al fresco on deck
- *SeaDream's* Balinese Dream Beds with elevated unobstructed views
- Elegantly appointed - All ocean-view staterooms feature: Flat-screen TV, DVD/CD Players, Data port, iPod docking station, Personal safe, Hair dryer, Bvlgari® bath amenities, Belgian linens, down duvets, selection of pillows, Plush 100% *SeaDream* Turkish cotton bathrobes and slippers, 24-hour in-suite menu and refreshment bar, Marble-lined bathroom with multi-jet shower massage



### INCLUSIVE

- Yacht’s Marina Water Toys: wave runners, kayaks, Hobie® Cats, Laser sailboats, snorkel gear, water skis, wakeboards, swimming platform
- Signature Caribbean Champagne & Caviar Splash™
- All gourmet meals served open seating in Dining Salon or Al Fresco
- Wine with Lunch and Dinner
- 30 course Golf Simulator
- Laptop Computers
- Mountain Bikes
- Fitness Center: treadmills, recumbent bikes with Flat Screen TVs and DVD players, & free weights
- Sauna & Steam Room
- CDs, DVDs, Books
- Open Bar with select premium brands
- Gratuities

### ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT

- *SeaDream* Spa - Member of the Thai Spa Association - the only one of its kind at sea
- Over 1,200 books, CDs & DVDs
- Starlit Movies™ and Presentations on the Pool Deck or in the Main Salon
- State-of-the-art golf simulator with 30 signature golf courses
- Top of The Yacht Bar with spectacular 360° degree views
- Complete Fitness Center and Beauty Salon
- Boutique
- Large Pool and Jacuzzi
- Piano Bar
- Mountain bikes for shore-side exploration
- Casino
- For guests’ enjoyment, there is live guitar & piano music during cocktails & dining.

## HERMAN MILLER CANVAS PRIVATE OFFICE FROM WRG

This distinctive, top-quality office suite, manufactured by world-renowned Herman Miller, is designed to help increase your productivity and effectiveness. The iconic American Herman Miller company epitomizes innovation and sustainable practices, and has been designing incomparable pieces for over 100 years.

This beautiful and functional suite will grow and move with you, and can be installed in your home or place of business to truly set your workspace apart.

Herman Miller's manufacturing facilities use the best, most sustainable materials, and follow world-class, lean practices to ensure the highest quality in every piece they produce. Every Herman Miller product is tested for durability and backed by the Herman Miller warranty—their promise to stand behind it.

An extraordinary ensemble from the Herman Miller Living Office series, suitable for a home or business setting, this package includes:

- A. Sit-to-Stand Desk (electronically powered)
- B. Open and Closed Storage Credenzas
- C. Overhead Credenza
- D. Wardrobe
- E. Trackable Wall and Organizational Tools
- F. Ergonomic Task Chair (not pictured)
- G. Installation in your home or place of business

Generously provided by WRG, a woman-owned local business, who has provided quality furnishings to some of North Texas' most prestigious offices and major hospitals. They are dedicated to community, customer service, and customer satisfaction. Visit them at [www.wrgtexas.com](http://www.wrgtexas.com).

**w|r|g**

A Certified  Herman Miller Dealer





## CUSTOM-MADE MEN'S 3-PIECE SUIT, SHIRT, TIE & SHOES FROM DON MORPHY

From the globally renowned Don Morphy Brand and up & coming top menswear designer Daniel Mofor.

### THE SUIT

Your bespoke suit starts with a consultation and measurement session. Choose your suiting material from a selection of unique fabrics from the best mills in the world, including lining, buttons, piping, and style. Unsurpassed tailoring standards allow you to specify the smallest detail to meet your individual taste.

### THE SHIRT

Using your exact measurements, Don Morphy's expert tailors will design an exclusive shirt that will fit you perfectly, with over 1,000 fabrics to choose from.

### THE SHOES

Don Morphy shoes are hand-made using the highest quality Italian calfskin leather and are Blake stitched. These shoes surpass competitors' in both quality and design, and have a unique hand-applied finish by a Napolitano artisan.

**DON MORPHY**  
PRIVÉ CLOTHIERS

### ABOUT DON MORPHY

Don Morphy blends the fashionable gentleman's need for sophisticated clothing and shoes that fit perfectly. All of their suits and shoes are designed in the United States and then handmade in Florence, Italy.

The Don Morphy brand is internationally recognized as an icon in the custom clothing world, with recognition by *GQ*, *The New York Times*, *Vogue*, *Huffington Post*, and many more for its unique flair in refined menswear. The Don Morphy team combs the globe in search of the highest quality fabrics, trimmings, and newest style trends, regularly visiting mills in England and Italy.

The Don Morphy brand is globally renowned.



## A TRULY ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CHANCE TO GET UP CLOSE AND PERSONAL WITH THE BOSS.

Other than it being a TOTAL SELLOUT and one of highest ticket prices ever on Broadway, there are no words to describe this intimate theatre experience with the one and only Bruce Springsteen. The artist treads new territory with *Springsteen on Broadway*, an intimate blend of autobiographical solo play and acoustic concert that's been sold out since previews began.

Experience this remarkable show in the iconic Walter Kerr Theatre – a beautifully restored historic playhouse hosting only 960 luxurious red velvet seats – where Springsteen could sing without a microphone!



It's clear from the beginning that this is nothing like a typical Springsteen concert, where set lists can vary wildly from night to night, and Bruce often has little to say between songs. There's no room for his usual athleticism here – Springsteen shuffles a few feet between a piano on stage left and a microphone at center stage, and YOU sitting in your nearby orchestra seats. The intensity is, instead, emotional, as Springsteen digs hard into the bedrock of his life story, and ours: childhood, religion, work, death.

The performance is difficult to categorize. It's not a concert, it's not a typical one-man-show, it's certainly not a Broadway musical. But it is one of the most

compelling and profound performances by a rock musician in recent memory, and has earned Springsteen a 2018 Special Tony Award. The 68-year-old musician performs five shows a week, switching from piano to guitar as he recounts his coming of age in Freehold, New Jersey. The evening is built from Springsteen's 2016 memoir *Born to Run*.

### THIS EXTRAORDINARY PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- 2 Orchestra tickets to *Springsteen on Broadway* at the Walter Kerr Theatre in New York City
- 2 nights' hotel accommodations at the Boutique Muse Hotel in Midtown Manhattan, an award-winning Kimpton Hotel
- Dinner for 2 at NYC Theatre District's top-rated Becco Restaurant
- Round-trip airfare for 2 on Southwest Airlines



One of the hardest-to-come-by tickets of the season, *Springsteen on Broadway* opened to raves in October, 2017, earning acclaim from both theatre and music critics. Originally billed as an eight-week limited engagement, Springsteen extended his run three times. The Boss has spent almost an entire year on Broadway, with the final performance scheduled for December 15, 2018.

This is absolutely a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to witness Bruce Springsteen in an intimate setting. The acoustics are first-rate, and the architecture and design of the theatre will surely make the night an event that will live long in your memory.





## FIVE-COURSE DINNER WITH WINE PAIRING FOR 10 AT THE HOME OF CHEF KENT RATHBUN

Let “Iron Chef America” winner and Dallas-based celebrity Chef Kent Rathbun entertain you and nine of your guests at his stylish, contemporary home.

After arriving by limousine, you may choose to have dinner served at the dining room table, in the wine room, or poolside. Or, watch the action up-close while seated at the 20’ island in his showpiece kitchen, as his team of chefs create what is sure to be a culinary experience you will not soon forget.

Chef Rathbun is the recipient of many accolades and honors, including “Best Chef” by *D Magazine*, and “One of the Top Meals Around the World” by *USA Today*. Kent and his brother Kevin defeated Bobby Flay on *Iron Chef America* in 2008. Chef Rathbun has been nominated for numerous James Beard Foundation’s Best Chef: Southwest awards, and was one of the featured chefs for the Bush 2001 Inaugural Ball. Chef Rathbun is passionate about and actively involved in several charitable organizations, and we thank him for helping City House with this generous offer.

Don’t miss this exciting opportunity to impress your guests with an outstanding meal prepared just for you by the team of one of the country’s most renowned chefs.

### IMŌTO! Another Rathbun Star Rising!

The Rathbun Imoto, the Japanese word for “little sister,” provides upscale dining with a Pan-Asian kitchen, traditional sushi bar, and an extensive list of cocktails, wine and sake. The menu incorporates a contemporary style into traditional recipes and flavors, including everything from shared tapas to sharable plates. The bar-centric concept features modern Asian interiors and a social atmosphere with a late-night lounge and DJ, as well as an impressive private event space. Imoto opened on Victory Park Lane in late spring 2018.  
...Dallas Observer



## SWAROVSKI LONGHORN

FOR THE DISCERNING COLLECTOR  
OF TEXAS ICONS

This piece is magnificent and appears almost metallic in person. It features over 12,000 very small Swarovski crystals on the face, with Black Diamond crystals gradually shifting to clear ones below the forehead for a stunning ombré effect. The mouth and eyes are studded with 6,000 Black Diamond crystals. This Texas Longhorn has magnificent two-color horns with black tips.

Total length from tip to tip of horns (measured straight) is 58 inches. The skull is 21 inches long (top of head to bottom of mouth).

*Generously donated by our friends at Big Shot Cowgirl. (bigshotcowgirl.com)*



## GEORGE STRAIT & THE WRANGLER NATIONAL FINALS RODEO ULTIMATE EXPERIENCE

George Strait is an American country music singer, songwriter, actor, and music producer. Known as the “King of Country,” he is considered one of the most influential and popular recording artists of all time. He is recognized for his neotraditional country style, cowboy look, and being one of the first and main artists to bring country music back to its roots and away from the pop country era in the 1980s. Strait has sold more than 100 million records worldwide, making him one of the best-selling music artists ever.

The Wrangler National Finals Rodeo is the season-ending championship event for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, and is widely acknowledged to be the world’s premier rodeo. Held annually since 1959 – and since 1985, every December at the Thomas & Mack Center in Las Vegas – the Wrangler NFR is pro rodeo’s richest and most prestigious event, showcasing the very best cowboys, barrel racers, and livestock in the world.

### EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- Two 100-Level Seats for George Strait on Friday, December 7, 2018 at the T-Mobile Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada
- 100-Level Seating for Two at the Wrangler National Finals Rodeo on Saturday, December 8, 2018
- 2 Nights’ Stay (from Friday, December 7th to Sunday, December 9th, 2018) at the MGM Grand Hotel & Casino for 2

\*Airfare not included.



**THE CAPITAL GRILLE  
PRESENTS**

**A PRIVATE DINNER AND  
WHISKEY TASTING WITH  
DALLAS COWBOYS LEGENDS**

**THIS EXCLUSIVE EVENT INCLUDES:**

- Special whiskey tasting from Woodford Reserve
- Meet & greet with Cowboys Legends and photos with your favorites!
- Five-course dinner with wine pairings for 10 specially prepared by Executive Chef Aaron Valimont
- Stories and memories told by the Legends
- Your evening takes place in a private room at the stunning Capital Grille in Plano

This is an amazing opportunity to visit with and get to know some of the greatest former Cowboys players of all time, including: Ed “Too Tall” Jones, Drew Pearson, Billy Joe DuPree, Randy White, Everson Walls, and maybe a couple of others who just will not be able to stay away!

When dessert is served, Kris Cumnock will lead the guys in a lively, highly entertaining, and unforgettable exchange of their history with America’s Team. Kris is with LST Marketing, and he has used his public speaking ability and vast knowledge of sports to become one of the top conversation facilitators in the country. He has hosted entertaining and informative chats with the likes of Terry Bradshaw, Roger Staubach, Nolan Ryan, Michael Irvin, Jim Lovell, and many more. If you’re a Cowboys fan, this is a once-in-a-lifetime night out for you, your friends or colleagues!

*A very special thank you to Mary Barnes Knox, VP-Talent Marketing, with LST Marketing, for her generosity and support of City House. Thank you to The Capital Grille for your support and for making this incredible experience available to City House.*

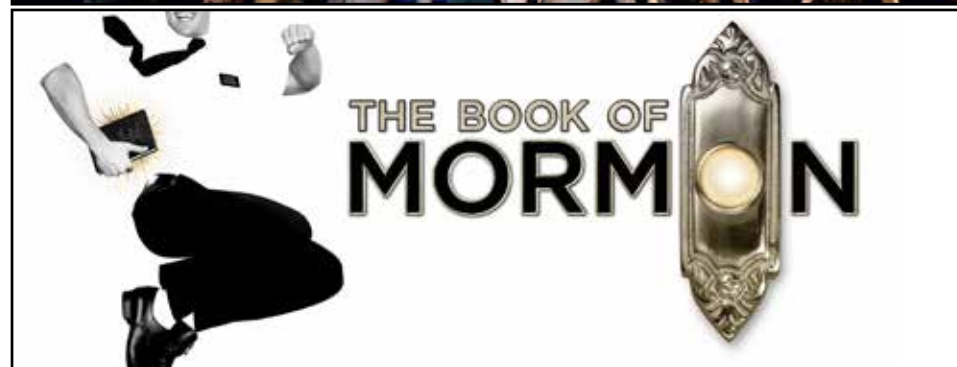


*Blackout dates and restrictions apply. Restricted to a Sunday, Monday or Tuesday evening, non-game day/night. Individual Legends in attendance may change based on availability.*




*Executive Chef Aaron Valimont began his culinary career in Tacoma at The Lobster Shop, later working under Executive Chef Will MacNamara at Seattle’s Washington Athletic Club, before taking his knives to the TPC Snoqualmie Ridge Golf Club. He then trained under Food and Wine’s “Best New Chef” Gordon Naccarato, opening The Pacific Grill in Seattle, first as sous chef, and ultimately being promoted to Executive Chef.*

*For the past five years, Chef Valimont has been preparing dry aged beef and fresh seafood at The Capital Grille in Plano, Texas. When not in the kitchen, you will find the chef talking to dining guests about everything from cocktails to dessert, as his ultimate goal is to provide a dining experience that is above and beyond guests’ expectations.*



## PRIVATE MEET & GREET WITH CAST MEMBERS FOR A PRE-SHOW DINNER & BROADWAY TICKETS FOR 2

### THIS EXPERIENCE INCLUDES:

- Private meet and greet with 2 cast members at a pre-show dinner
- 2 mezzanine tickets to your choice of shows: *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, *Chicago*, *Kinky Boots*, *The Book of Mormon* or *Wicked*
- In-theater meet and greet with a cast member following the show
- 2 nights' double-occupancy stay in a Manhattan hotel (Hilton, Marriott, or Hyatt property)
- Round-trip airfare for 2 provided by Southwest Airlines 

Enjoy a 3-course, prix fixe dinner at a popular Theater District restaurant (not including alcohol). Two cast members from the Broadway show you'll be seeing will join you for dinner. You'll be entertained with fascinating backstage anecdotes, personal career stories, engaging conversation, and photos & autographs. Following the show, enjoy a private in-theater meet and greet with a cast member!



## WINE & DINE FOR 10 WITH LIVE MUSIC AT THE FABULOUS TABLE 13

Make it an occasion to remember as you and your guests are wine and dined at Table 13, voted Addison's favorite fine dining and live entertainment venue. You'll be treated to a vintage-inspired specialty cocktail, and a four-course dinner for 10, exquisitely prepared and paired with the finest wines.

Presented in our private Continental Room, you'll relish the distinctive, upscale atmosphere of Table 13, reminiscent of the early 1960s.

**Table 13**  
Fine Dining \* Music \* Cocktails

*RESTRICTIONS: Available on mutually agreed upon date, Monday through Thursday excluding holidays, DFW Restaurant Week and blackout dates. Private dining room based upon availability. Reservation required. One-time use only. No cash value. Not valid toward the purchase of gift cards. Gratuity included. Expires November 30, 2019.*

THANK YOU



*and all involved  
with the company  
for your generous support  
throughout the years!*

advocare.com

**THANK YOU  
FOR PROUDLY  
SUPPORTING  
CITY HOUSE!**



CARINGHEARTSCHARITY.ORG

**DAVID & CHRIS  
DOWNS**

*thank you both for being  
at the heart of this agency  
for so many years. You are  
amazing people! Thank you  
from all of us.*

THANK YOU



FOR YOUR  
VOLUNTEERISM  
AND GENEROUS  
SUPPORT OF CITY  
HOUSE!

ORTHOTEXAS.COM

THANK YOU



for your seventh year of producing the most incredible gala invitations, programs, signage, and supporting social media executions, and so much more.

As a two-person design agency, you knock it out of the ballpark every year. Your creative truly helps us transport our guests to other times and places!

We love you!

BRAND-DIVAS.COM

**THANK YOU**



**AND BOARD MEMBER  
JODI MILLER,  
FOR YOUR AMAZING  
SUPPORT OF CITY HOUSE!**

**HARDROCKLANDDESIGN.COM**

**THANK YOU**



**WE ARE GRATEFUL  
FOR YOUR GENEROSITY  
AND FOR THE SERVICE YOU  
PROVIDE OUR AGENCY!**



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO**

**Pier1 imports®**

**AND STACEY RENFRO FOR YOUR  
AMAZING PARTICIPATION AND  
LEADERSHIP ON OUR YOUTH  
ADVISORY BOARD.**

**PIER1.COM**



**V**OOM GROUP®  
Print Solutions

**THERE'S NO BETTER  
PRINTING SOLUTIONS COMPANY  
IN COLLIN COUNTY.**

**WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU  
FOR THE BEAUTIFUL PRINT WORK  
YOU PRODUCE FOR CITY HOUSE.  
THANK YOU!**

**voomgroup.com**





## Send us a Telegram!

480,000 dames and fellas read *Plano Profile* every month and think it's the bee's knees! If you'd like to make their acquaintance, give us a ring:

972.769.7272 | [sales@planoprofile.com](mailto:sales@planoprofile.com)

*Very special thanks to*

**JP & ASSOCIATES**  
**REALTORS<sup>®</sup>**  
*Exceeding Expectations*

*and all their agents who generously donate to City House, and their founder, JP Piccinini, whose annual December event treats under-served and at-risk children to the time of their life!*

*Thank you, JP, for all that you and your agents do in the communities you serve!*

JPAR.NET

THANK YOU



**BlueCross  
BlueShield**

FOR YOUR ALWAYS  
GENEROUS  
SUPPORT!

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO  
APOSTROPHE D RESTAURANTS, LLC,  
AND ALL ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR  
WONDERFUL RESTAURANT GROUP.

**MASH'D**  
FOOD. MOONSHINE. LIFE

**TruFire**  
KITCHEN & BAR  
Life Happens in the Kitchen

THANK YOU TO CITY HOUSE  
BOARD PRESIDENT  
MARC MILLER



AND



FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP  
AND SUPPORT!

CTOT.COM

THANK YOU  
**SAM • MOON GROUP**

FOR YOUR SUPPORT  
AND THIS BEAUTIFUL  
PROPERTY WE ARE  
CELEBRATING IN  
THIS EVENING!

[sammoongroup.com](http://sammoongroup.com)

THANK YOU



for your generous support  
of City House and the  
hand you have in bettering  
lives throughout our  
community.

TEXASHEALTH.ORG

Thank you to  
**Christina & Rudy Andrea**  
for your support  
throughout the years.  
We are forever grateful  
for all that you have done  
for City House.



tamff.org

**THANK YOU**

**TOYOTA  PLANO**

**for your support of  
City House!**

**TOYOTAOFPLANO.com**

A special thank you to

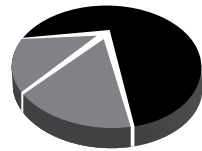


American Airlines

for your partnership and  
support of our mission.

aa.com

**SPECIAL THANK YOU TO OUR  
GENEROUS SUPPORTER AND  
FRIEND OF CITY HOUSE**



**MONTGOMERY COSCIA  
GREILICH LLP**

*Certified Public Accountants*

[mcgroup.com](http://mcgroup.com)

**Thank you Carol Roberts and**



**for all the community support  
you provide across DFW. We are  
especially proud to have you as  
our Gala Title Sponsor for the  
sixth year!**

# *My Wish*

I HOPE THE DAYS COME EASY AND THE MOMENTS PASS SLOW,  
AND EACH ROAD LEADS YOU WHERE YOU WANNA GO,  
AND IF YOU'RE FACED WITH A CHOICE, AND YOU HAVE TO CHOOSE,  
I HOPE YOU CHOOSE THE ONE THAT MEANS THE MOST TO YOU.  
AND IF ONE DOOR OPENS TO ANOTHER DOOR CLOSED,  
I HOPE YOU KEEP ON WALKIN' TILL YOU FIND THE WINDOW,  
IF IT'S COLD OUTSIDE, SHOW THE WORLD THE WARMTH OF YOUR SMILE.

BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, MORE THAN ANYTHING  
MY WISH, FOR YOU, IS THAT THIS LIFE BECOMES ALL THAT YOU WANT IT TO,  
YOUR DREAMS STAY BIG, YOUR WORRIES STAY SMALL,  
YOU NEVER NEED TO CARRY MORE THAN YOU CAN HOLD,  
AND WHILE YOU'RE OUT THERE GETTING WHERE YOU'RE GETTING TO,  
I HOPE YOU KNOW SOMEBODY LOVES YOU, AND WANTS THE SAME THINGS TOO,  
YEAH, THIS, IS MY WISH.

I HOPE YOU NEVER LOOK BACK, BUT YOU NEVER FORGET,  
ALL THE ONES WHO LOVE YOU, IN THE PLACE YOU LIVE,  
I HOPE YOU ALWAYS FORGIVE, AND YOU NEVER REGRET,  
AND YOU HELP SOMEBODY EVERY CHANCE YOU GET,  
OH, YOU FIND GOD'S GRACE, IN EVERY MISTAKE,  
AND ALWAYS GIVE MORE THAN YOU TAKE.  
BUT MORE THAN ANYTHING, YEAH, MORE THAN ANYTHING  
MY WISH, FOR YOU, IS THAT THIS LIFE BECOMES ALL THAT YOU WANT IT TO,  
YOUR DREAMS STAY BIG, YOUR WORRIES STAY SMALL,  
YOU NEVER NEED TO CARRY MORE THAN YOU CAN HOLD,  
AND WHILE YOU'RE OUT THERE GETTING WHERE YOU'RE GETTING TO,  
I HOPE YOU KNOW SOMEBODY LOVES YOU, AND WANTS THE SAME THINGS TOO,  
YEAH, THIS, IS MY WISH. YEAH, YEAH.

MY WISH, FOR YOU, IS THAT THIS LIFE BECOMES ALL THAT YOU WANT IT TO,  
YOUR DREAMS STAY BIG, YOUR WORRIES STAY SMALL,  
YOU NEVER NEED TO CARRY MORE THAN YOU CAN HOLD,  
AND WHILE YOU'RE OUT THERE GETTING WHERE YOU'RE GETTING TO,  
I HOPE YOU KNOW SOMEBODY LOVES YOU, AND WANTS THE SAME THINGS TOO,  
YEAH, THIS, IS MY WISH (MY WISH, FOR YOU).  
THIS IS MY WISH (MY WISH, FOR YOU)  
I HOPE YOU KNOW SOMEBODY LOVES YOU (MY WISH, FOR YOU).  
MAY ALL YOUR DREAMS STAY BIG (MY WISH, FOR YOU)

SONGWRITERS: STEVE ROBSON / JEFFREY STEELE