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**10TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY LUNCHEON BENEFITING LIBERTY PLACE
RECOVERY CENTER FOR WOMEN SCHEDULED FOR NOVEMBER 18**

Richmond, KY - Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women will host its annual Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, November 18, 2017 from 1-3 p.m. at First Christian Church, located at 412 West Main Street in Richmond. This distinctive event will feature lunch, a decorated table auction, and live and silent auctions of high quality prizes. There are 144 tickets available to the public for \$30 per person.

Proceeds will benefit Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women, a residential substance abuse recovery program operated by Kentucky River Foothills Development Council, a local Community Action Agency committed to improving the community and promoting self-sufficiency.

This special event is an opportunity for the center to create awareness of the program while providing a social event for Madison County.

The luncheon will include savory food and sweet treats. During the luncheon a Liberty Place Program Graduate will speak to the group about her life-changing experience at Liberty Place.

Rev. Kent Gilbert of Union Church in Berea will return for the third year to serve as the event auctioneer for the live and themed table auction, which will include gift packages sponsored by local businesses and community members.

This year some of the live auction items include UK Basketball tickets, homemade quilts, electronics, and arts & crafts. Many of the table themes are unknown at this point but as they come in they will be promoted on the center's Facebook page.

Last year the PNC Bank "FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY" table featured educational science and art toys/activities, tickets to a UK basketball game and a Visa Gift Card. The "ENJOY FOOD MORE" table sponsored by Ed & Jamie Worley included a FoodSaver V4440 and a variety of kitchen tools and accessories.

Other items auctioned last year included a Keurig coffee maker, Dyson vacuum, Bybee pottery, a Kindle Fire, GoPro, Fitbit, handmade tables, a rustic Christmas cabin dollhouse, girls toys, boys toys, numerous gift cards and gift certificates, a beachfront condo package, Churchill Weavers afghan, and several beautiful handmade quilts.

A portion of the proceeds will go into the residents' events budget, which will allow them to attend special activities and training, such as AA conferences. The remaining money raised will support Liberty Place program operations.

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This year's luncheon will offer a way for people who do not attend the event to participate. The silent auction will be open to the public from 11:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

There are a few table sponsorships still available (\$500 each). Donations of any amount are welcomed! Interested businesses, groups, or individuals should contact Gwen Holder at the number below.

ABOUT LIBERTY PLACE RECOVERY CENTER FOR WOMEN

Located in Richmond, Liberty Place began serving clients in 2008. The women participating in the program are homeless or marginally housed and unemployed, often coming directly from court or jail.

The center, a supportive housing development, has 108 beds to accommodate the needs of women in Kentucky's 6th Congressional District. There are five components of the program which include Safe Off the Streets, Motivational Tracks 1 and 2, and Phase 1 and 2. Residents must make the commitment to overcome their addictions, be over the age of 18, and be homeless or at risk of becoming homeless to participate. The average stay at Liberty Place is approximately 6-9 months. Services are provided at no charge to the participants.

As a transitional supportive housing development, Liberty Place uses a recovery program model that includes peer support, daily living skills training, job responsibilities and challenges to practice sober living.

Women work through a 12-step program based on a guiding set of principles for recovery from addiction. Working the Twelve Steps involves admitting that one cannot control one's addiction or compulsions, recognizing a greater power that can give strength, examining past errors with the help of a sponsor (experienced member), making amends for these errors, learning to live a new life with a new code of behavior, and helping others that suffer from the same additions or compulsions.

The women participating in this program have the opportunity to live a sober life while receiving supportive services to prepare them for jobs and reunification with their families and communities.

In March 2016, the Holly Street Apartments opened behind Liberty Place. Managed by Kentucky River Foothills, the Holly Street Apartments are for anyone who has completed a residential substance abuse & recovery center program, including Liberty Place, and who agrees to participate in aftercare services. This project helps individuals rebuild their lives and reunites families. All residents must be eligible to receive Section 8 rental assistance.

All proceeds will benefit Liberty Place Recovery Center for Women. For more information about purchasing tickets, donating an auction item, or making a donation to the center please call Gwen Holder at 625-0104, extension 1410. Tickets can also be purchased online at www.foothillscap.org

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