

*5th Annual
Champions for Mercy Gala
2018*

*Be a Champion for Mercy and
Light the Path to Self-Sufficiency*

Thursday, October 18th

5:30-8:30 PM

Dinner • Auctions • Entertainment



...getting the right help to people in need!

An Invitation

It is our great pleasure to invite you to the 5th Annual 'Champions for Mercy Gala'. The event will be held at the Thrasher-Horne Center in Orange Park, Florida on Thursday, October 18, 2018. We are especially pleased to welcome our Keynote Speaker, John Ashman, President of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions. You are certain to enjoy his inspiring and uplifting remarks. Within this brochure, you will find information including 'Who' is Mercy Support Services and 'How' you can become involved.

Proceeds from the Gala will directly benefit families and children in Clay County receiving support from Mercy Support Services. Your sponsorship and involvement in our Mercy Support Services Gala will help us continue this critical program to help displaced families in Clay County.

On behalf of our organization, thank you for your interest and support. We look forward to a great event!

Van Royal, Honorary Chair
Michael Serig, Board Chair
R. Patrick Hayle, Executive Director
Jolynn Carter, Event Coordinator



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Be A Champion For Mercy

Mercy Support Services was founded in 2012 to provide help to displaced families, single parents and homeless children and adults in Clay County. Working collaboratively with churches and other non-profit agencies, we help Clay County families in crisis to get back on their feet.

Last year we received nearly 2,000 calls in our Call Center, helping over 3,700 people in Clay County. Our Self-Sufficiency/Housing Program has graduated over 60 families back to self-sufficiency. Our families may spend up to 6 months receiving help from Mercy Support Services. Key components of the Self-Sufficiency program include: One-on-One Care Coaching, Personal Budget Guidance/Support, Resume Preparation, and Building/Strengthening Life Skills. These services and more are coordinated by a volunteer Care Coach who works one-on-one with each family.

Mercy Support Services is built on the premise, “A Hand Up – Not a Hand Out.” We rely on donations from the community to fund our programs and services. Your support of our Champions For Mercy Gala, will help us touch lives and change futures.

MISSION STATEMENT

MERCY SUPPORT SERVICES SERVES THE PEOPLE OF CLAY COUNTY WHO ARE CIRCUMSTANTIALLY IN NEED BY PROVIDING SERVICES THAT GUIDE THEM TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY THROUGH A NETWORK OF COMPASSIONATE-HEARTED PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS.

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Sponsorship Packages

Platinum Sponsor \$10,000

- Featured table for ten
 - Recognition and logo on ALL event media (print and social media)
 - Corporate logo on website homepage and event page
 - Special "Live" 5-minute presentation during event
 - Prominently featured in Mercy Support Services Newsletter
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Gold Sponsor \$5,000

- Ten tickets to event
 - Recognition and logo on ALL event media (print and social media)
 - Corporate logo on event page
 - Opportunity to present 2-minute introduction at event dinner
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Silver Sponsor \$2,500

- Ten tickets to event
 - Recognition and logo on ALL event media (print and social)
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- Ten tickets to event
 - Recognition in all promotional materials
 - Logo on event page
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Table Sponsor \$1,000

- Ten tickets to event
 - Recognition in marketing materials
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Patron Sponsor \$500

- Two tickets to event
 - Recognition in marketing materials
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- Recognition on auction sheet and prize board
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Company _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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You're A Shining Star

From Ashes to Hope

Robert and his mother recently experienced a fire in their Clay County home. The fire destroyed everything they had and took the life of their family dog, who alerted them to the fire. They were referred to Mercy Support Services for any possible assistance we could give. Fortunately, we were able to provide them with clothing and other support, as well as various referrals to get the specific support they needed during this time.

In Robert's words, "Not knowing where to turn, we called a local church, which led us to Mercy Support Services. In one week's time, we had a furnished home stocked with food and clothes to wear. Although the items of our past were gone, a new life awaited us. God showed us love through Mercy. Without their generosity, we would be on the street with nowhere to turn. God allowed our past to burn to ashes, but He already had a new beginning waiting for us.

Making a Better Life

R.J., a recent graduate of our Mercy Support Services Self-Sufficiency Program, is a single mom who came into our program determined to make a better life for herself and her 10 year old daughter. She has made great strides during her time in our program and has been able to position herself for success. She is now moving into her own place and we couldn't be more proud of her and excited to see all that God has in store for her. Her words to Mercy upon her graduation: "I'm so thankful for Mercy. I look back on where I was and where I am now and I just thank God that He had these amazing people helping me, talking to me, and showing me how much they care. It's so great to see that there are still people out there trying to really help and I know it's really hard for me to ask for help but I'm so glad I did because I got close to a couple of great women who I will never forget and I love them so very much. Thank you so much for this life changing experience. I'm so grateful for all the help. God is so amazing and on time!"

Despite the Obstacles

I have two boys ages 11 and 14. My youngest son is autistic and we were homeless, living in a hotel which I was paying about 70 dollars a day. We maintained that way for over 5 months. My license got suspended for not having insurance. I worked every day, took the boys to school and I prayed constantly. On top of everything, my health was taking a very heavy toll. I have MS and I started having major episodes. I was rushed to the hospital twice from my job. My neurologist informed me I was losing my vision in my right eye. I felt like everything was falling apart, but every day I got up despite the obstacles and kept going because I knew somehow and someday God would make a way. I contacted Mercy and Dena and Pastor Patrick reached out to help. Mercy got me back on the road legally. I felt a weight lifting off me.

My blessings would go on forever if I was to list everything and everyone that brought me to this point, but one thing for sure is God put them all on my path.