

Michael Joseph Foundation Invites You to *An Enchanted Evening*



HAT STARTED AS two building contractors who saw a need for housing in the local community in the early '90s has turned into an impressive organization providing relief to people in crisis in the greater Chicagoland area.

The goal of the Michael Joseph Foundation is to help families in crisis become self-reliant with dignity. They provide the transitional housing and other support services to help families become self-reliant and regain their confidence after the Foundation assists with a variety of support services. The Michael Joseph Foundation puts people in touch with these agencies to help them achieve independence.

The Michael Joseph Foundation works alongside WINGS, Northwest Compass, and Catholic Charities to provide the necessary support it takes in order to become self-reliant. Examples of this support include job training, parental and financial counseling, and transportation necessities.

The nine-person board for the Michael Joseph Foundation works together to better the foundation through fundraising and community outreach. Recently, the Foundation began the Barrington Emergency Relief Fund to assist families in paying their debts, while the primary income producer is experiencing a crisis situation.

The need for support is high and extremely costly. The average cost per family for transitional housing and other support services offered is over \$20,000 per year. The Michael Joseph Foundation helps support multiple families with different levels of need.

Many of these families are victims of job loss, serious illnesses, or other personal tragedies that sent them into a state of crisis. With support from the Michael Joseph Foundation and their partner agencies, these families typically achieve independence within six to 12 months.

The Michael Joseph Foundation's 24th annual fundraiser, "An Enchanted Evening", will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 5 p.m. at the Sanfilippo Estate in Barrington Hills. The gala will consist of touring the Sanfilippo's world-famous and highly-esteemed private museum, as well as cocktails, dinner, guest speakers, and live and silent auctions. It will be a spectacular event to benefit the families in our community who are in crisis.

For more information and gala tickets visit www.michaeljosephfoundation.org. Private and corporate donations, auction gifts, and volunteers are graciously accepted. Contact Michael Joseph Foundation's President Brian Maude at 847-899-1062 for more information.



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