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Middle Way House 2021-2022 Wrapped in Love Public Art Display Yarn Cutting Celebration Friday, October 1st, 2021, from 5-6pm

Event to raise funds for Middle Way House, educate the community about Middle Way House services, & provide outreach to domestic violence, sexual assault, & human trafficking survivors in need.

(Bloomington, Indiana) September 23rd, 2021 – On Friday, October 1st, 2021, from 5-6pm, join us in celebrating 50 years in the community and the beginning of our annual Wrapped in Love Public Art Display outside of the Monroe County Courthouse lawn and show much love to the sponsors, fabric artists, and volunteers that made this event possible!

Just as Middle Way House wraps survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking in warmth and support, fabric artists lovingly created tree sweaters for dozens of downtown Bloomington trees. The tree sweaters will be prominently hung throughout numerous locations in the heart of Bloomington and feature our help & crisis line phone number in hopes of raising awareness about domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking. The public art display will span nearly six months, coinciding with the beginning of Domestic Violence Awareness month in October and end March 1st, 2022.

We would like to thank our Volunteer Event Chair, Erin Hollinden, the fabric artists, and our current top sponsors for all their support!

Fabric Artists: Mia Altholz Sandi Taylor Linda Handelsman Tara Babcock Erin Hollinden Christopher DeYoung (Development Chair) **Danielle Bruce** The Knit Wits Joan Hongen Mary Lostutter Alpha Phi Omega Fraternity Jackie Vest Vicky Haralovich Gamma Phi Omega International Sorority, Inc. Alyssa Marie McPherson Peg Smith Cathy Lipscomb Orchard Enthusiasts

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North Staff and Families (North high school knitting group) Ana Lim Holly Bui **Knitting Nomads** Beth Shalom's Knitwitz Kalie Chuke Tina Halev **Peggy Daniels**

Gold Leaf Sponsors (\$2,500+):

Anna Strout in honor of Toby Strout, Martha Voyles, Ekah Yoga, and the People's Market

"I am honored to carry on Toby's vision of wrapping survivors in love, shining a light on how we can care for each other through an intentional weaving of art, activism, and community engagement." - Anna Strout **Bob** Arnove

"Wrapped-in-Love perfectly summarizes what Middle Way House has meant to the tens of thousands who have benefitted from its many programs and services." - Bob Arnove

Ivy Tech – Bloomington, Indiana

"With our shared mission to build community, Ivy Tech Bloomington is proud to sponsor the Middle Way House Wrapped in Love public art display," said Chancellor Jennie Vaughan. "Ivy Tech is making college more accessible for those who otherwise would not have had the opportunity, and we're fortunate to work alongside Middle Way House on doing important work in the community." - Jennie Vaughan, Chancellor DeAngelo's Restaurant

"DeAngelo's is proud to continue our relationship with the Middle Way House, especially during these pandemic years where their work with domestic violence is unfortunately needed at an all-time high. We are honored to help bring awareness to and support their cause that has helped so many people, and so positively impacted our community." - Mark Miller, Owner

Silver Spruce Sponsors (\$1,000+): **Plant Brothers Excavating** Cook Medical ISU the May Agency Vibrant Life **WFHB** IU Health Middle Way House Board of Directors

If you are interested in becoming a Wrapped in Love sponsor, please contact Maddie at development@middlewayhouse.org for more information. Thank you in advance for your love and support!



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About Middle Way House

Since 1971, <u>Middle Way House</u> has been providing services to people in crisis. Today, Middle Way House provides emergency shelter, a 24/7 help & crisis line, on-scene advocacy, support services for survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking and human trafficking, transitional and permanent housing solutions for survivors and their families, legal advocacy, and education and prevention programs. Middle Way House serves six counties in southern Indiana (Monroe, Greene, Lawrence, Owen, Morgan, and Martin) and relies on a staff of 70 and a committed volunteer force to provide aroundthe-clock response and services to those experiencing abuse and assault. It is not necessary that an individual reside in our emergency shelter or transitional housing program to access most of our services. We believe, support, and affirm the identities of ALL survivors. For more information, please visit <u>www.middlewayhouse.org.</u>

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