Inaugural Fashioning the Future Event a Success!

The Ruth House’s inaugural Fashioning the Future Luncheon & Fashion Show, held on Sunday, April 30, 2017 at Lombardo’s in Randolph, MA, was a smashing success and helped to raise more than $105,000 to establish the Fashioning the Future Fund! This special fund will provide assistance to Ruth House mothers as they transition to independent living. Because of the generosity of our sponsors, committee members, donors, fashion models, participating boutiques, and over 325 guests, the promising young women of Ruth House will now be better equipped to build upon their success while at the program. They will also be better prepared to respond to “real world” challenges they are bound to face once they are living on their own. Help paying for post-secondary education, job training, transportation and even childcare will now be available to them.

“It was a privilege to be part of this fantastically successful event to benefit Ruth House teen mothers,” said Gail Bucher, a long-time Ascentria supporter, volunteer and Fashioning the Future committee member. “Its success was a cooperative effort of many who worked together and reached out to their families, friends, churches and community. Their efforts will help to encourage and support Ruth House teen mothers as they transition to living independently with their young families and begin facing many of life’s challenges. The money raised is a great beginning to helping many Ruth House mothers in their transition.”

“This was the first Ascentria event that I have had the privilege of helping to plan and attend,” added Donna Mayo, chair of the Fashioning the Future committee. “I was honored and proud of all the work we accomplished. The support from the Fashioning the Future committee, the sponsors and the attendees of the event was amazing!! The commitment and dedication of the Ascentria staff to the various ministries and programs is inspiring. People who attended the event were impressed, motivated and inspired to support the Ruth House. The success of the event is a testament to all involved.”

“This sold-out event was truly an amazing afternoon of community and community support,” noted Candace Cramer, Ascentria’s chief development officer. “We witnessed the profound impact that the Ruth House and its staff has on its clients. It also showed us what a powerful difference it can make to give people a hand up as they transition to real life situations in the community. By empowering and encouraging these teen mothers to succeed, we all win.”

For more information about these and other Ascentria special events, please visit ascentria.org or contact our Office of Development at 774.243.3934.
Dear Friends:

“It was the best of times, it was the worst of times.” That opening line of Charles Dickens’ novel, A Tale of Two Cities, could describe our own era. The US enjoys unprecedented prosperity, yet there is persistent poverty and despair in many American families and communities.

With cuts in government support, this can seem like the worst of times for nonprofits. More people need help, but financial resources are strained. We resist cutting back on those in need, yet we struggle against shrinking budgets and growing cynicism.

Despite this challenging reality, Ascentria has been able to serve more people because donors and volunteers have made the difference.

Compassionate people, like you, have seen the hardship that others suffer, and have not turned away. Instead, you have recognized the work we do daily – for children, the elderly, people with disabilities, refugees, teen moms and others – and you contribute your time, talent and treasure to help.

This is a crucial time for our nation, our communities, and for many people in distress. We can’t just rely on government. We need to show what it means to truly care for our neighbors. Your support makes a huge difference for Ascentria. We can’t deliver many vital services without your help. But, with your continued generosity, we will accomplish even more in the coming months. We can help countless individuals. We can’t promise that they will “enjoy the best of times,” but we can show them the best in others - the love and courage of neighbors who care about them.

In that spirit, we thank you for all that you make possible.

Angie Bovi, President and CEO
Chief Development Officer

Equipped to Thrive: A New Model of Care

For over a year now, Ascentria Care Alliance has been busy putting together a human-centered model of care. The pilot program, known as the Project for Refugee Wellness (PRW), was initiated with the help of grant funding from The Health Foundation of Central MA, but only focused on the Worcester region’s refugee population. Since then, this model has transitioned into a much broader care framework with Ascentria at the helm. Recently, a report was released on the pilot program.

The Power of Volunteers... by the Numbers

To the hundreds of Ascentria volunteers who help to make a positive difference in the lives of thousands of our clients throughout the year, we say “thank you.” Your efforts are truly invaluable and your support and kindness are contagious. Here are just a few examples of the impact you are having in communities in and around New England.

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Catalysts ($2,500 – $4,999):
All of the above, plus . . .
- An opportunity for you and your family to enjoy a unique volunteer experience at one of our program sites
Champions ($5,000 – $9,999):
All of the above, plus . . .
- A special recognition in our donor newsletter
- An opportunity to participate in a conference call with President and CEO Angela Bovi
Benefactors ($10,000+):
All of the above, plus . . .
- An opportunity for you and a guest to join President and CEO Angela Bovi for a special luncheon

For further information about the Ascentria Giving Society, please contact Candace Cramer, chief development officer, at 774.243.3908.

Lutheran Home of Southbury, one of Ascentria’s elder care communities located in Orange County, will be celebrating its 100th Anniversary in 2018. In preparation for this very exciting and auspicious occasion, the site has been undergoing a massive renovation. The changes include a new rehabilitation space, and much, much more.

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