

Fourth Annual Fundraiser Breaks All Records

The fourth annual fundraiser, “Champions of Hope”, held on May 13, 2010 at the Hyde Park Country Club, was a huge success, netting \$40,000 for GCB’s programs and services. A record-breaking attendance of 200 guests enjoyed a comfortable evening of fine wine, delicious food stations, and warm camaraderie, while browsing silent auction items.

Dr. Tracey Skale, GCB’s Chief Medical Officer was the featured guest speaker. Dr. Skale talked of the life influences that brought her to work with people with mental illness, the issue of mental health stigma and the importance of compassion and dignity when working with clients who have mental illnesses.

Two Champions of Hope Honorees were recognized for their service to the mental health community. Evie Foulkes of the Open Door Ministry of the Church of the Advent in Walnut Hills, and Rick Wagner, longtime Board member of GCB and the Open Door Ministry, were honored for their many years of service and dedication to each organization.

GCB extends its gratitude to all of this year’s corporate sponsors for their support of the event. We welcomed 17 new sponsors to the Champions of Hope circle of donors. Special thanks to the top-level Hope Sponsor, Reading Investments, LLC, for its fourth consecutive year of support.

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The Champions of Hope event was a great success as a result of the hard work of the planning committee. Many thanks to our dedicated event volunteers: Co-Chairs Mary Moran and Lois Wenstrup, Patricia Cogan, Connie Cunningham, Sue Dillon Catron, Angie Dodd, Kathy Ganim, Christy Greenway, Nick Hahn, Angela Mullins, Karen O’Callaghan, Andrea Paul-Taylor, Rusty Sheehan, and Patricia Sweeney.