The Alex and Ali Foundation proudly presents

A Night of Hope 11

Friday, March 3rd, 2023 Garment Factory

Annual Gala

Master of Ceremony Lauren Casey

The mission of The Alex and Ali Foundation is to empower and enhance the lives of adults with autism and other developmental disabilities by providing opportunities for job skill development, vocational activities and meaningful community involvement.

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The purpose of The Alex and Ali Foundation is to fulfill a need faced by adults with various disabilities who live in our community. The Hope Gallery and Happy Hounds provide these adults, called "Team Members," the opportunity to learn vocational skills and have meaningful employment. This educational and interactive opportunity allows Team Members to be part of their communities, living more purposeful, meaningful, and fulfilled lives.

Once individuals with developmental disabilities graduate from high school, there are very few resources and opportunities available for them. The reality for many of these adults is that they have nowhere to go, nothing to do, and very little interaction within their community. They want to work and have the capability to work with assistance and guidance – but too often, they spend their days alone, filling time with TV, computer, and video games. Both The Hope Gallery and Happy Hounds create a wonderful alternative by providing a safe place for these adults to learn, grow and have purpose.

At The Hope Gallery Bargersville, Team Members provide a full customer service experience including sales, customer interaction, transaction processing, maintenance, inventory, and stocking shelves. Team Members continue to make products for The Hope Gallery including leather goods and ceramic tile art. The Hope Gallery Bargersville has grown and changed over the past three years, adding a sweets & treats boutique that includes ice cream and candy, adding a garden where our Team Members harvest vegetables, and partnering with companies and individuals with developmental disabilities across the US, Canada, and Israel to bring unique and beautiful items to the Gallery.

At Happy Hounds, Team Members provide hands-on attention, exceptional behavior management and command training for our dogs. Team Members at Happy Hounds also get to work on customer service and computer skills by interacting with dog owners during check-in. Over the past three years, Happy Hounds has added additional space to allow more indoor area to play in inclement weather. Dogs continue to receive plenty of playtime and cuddles from our Team Members.

When we try to talk about the impact of meaningful work, our Team Members say it best: "The Hope Gallery has changed my life so much. It has given me a chance to work in a wonderful environment where I can learn new job skills." - Chelsea "It's really nice to work here. Happy Hounds kind of feels like a second home." - Christian

We thank you for your support as we celebrate the unique value of every single person and recognize that we all need a purpose.

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Schedule of Frents

6:00 - 7:00 PM Welcome Reception Complimentary Beer and Wine (\*full cash bar available) Silent Auction Wine pull

7:15 PM Dinner Dessert Table available

8:00 PM Presentations and Live Auction Heads & Tails raffle

9:00 PM - 11:00 PM Dancing and fun!!!

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