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May 3, 2017

Dear Friend of Circles:

There continues to be a profound need to help women and women with children who struggle to meet their basic needs each day here in Rensselaer. We are inviting you to join us and our generous sponsors, the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community, in supporting **Circles of Mercy** – so together we may continue to offer hope, hospitality and empowerment to those truly in need of assistance. Your help is needed now more than ever to support our eighteen-year tradition of providing services, where eighty-eight cents of every dollar contributed goes directly into programs for our client families and individuals.

We are currently making plans for our annual signature fundraising gala "**A Taste of Mercy**", which will take place on **Wednesday, June 14, 2017 at Shaker Ridge Country Club - 802 Albany Shaker Road, Loudonville, beginning at 5:30pm**. It will be a wonderful reception featuring foods, refreshments and music. The theme for this year's celebration is "Continuing the Mercy Tradition". During the event we will present our annual **Hope and Hospitality Award to - Father Peter Young, CEO, Peter Young Housing, Industries and Treatment**, for his ongoing efforts of supporting the mission of Circles as well as his life's work providing the works of Mercy. In addition during the gala event, the **Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Award**, which we established in her memory, will **be presented to two of our senior volunteers in Catherine's Closet: Mrs. Shirley Hirt and Mrs. Joan Meister**.

To help insure the ongoing success of this important event, the Sisters of Mercy and the Circles Board of Trustees would like to invite you to consider becoming a member of our Honorary Committee. Our goal is to raise a minimum of \$25,000 to support the ongoing Mercy mission and to maintain the stable growth of Circles.

With the hope and anticipation of your favorable reply, we have attached the **Honorary Committee Reply Forms** that outlines our levels of corporate and individual contributions. Please know that your consideration of this request would be of tremendous help to us and is certainly most appreciated. The courtesy of your **reply is requested by May 10, 2017** to ensure that we have sufficient time to properly acknowledge each donor as a member of the gala's Honorary Committee in our printed invitation and the event program.

Please join Circles of Mercy to help us continue the tradition and charism of Catherine McAuley, the First Sister of Mercy, as we carry on providing the "works of mercy" especially to those who are most at risk and in need here in our community - namely women and women with children.

With thanks and kindest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard S. Zazycki".

Richard S. Zazycki, Executive  
Director and Mercy Associate

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Dudley R.S.M.".

Sister Barbara L. Dudley, RSM, Chair,  
Circles of Mercy – Gala Committee

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Circles of Mercy

**“A Taste of Mercy”**

**2017 CORPORATE SPONSOR REPLY FORM**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Please print name(s) as you wish them to appear on the Invitation and Program)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Corporate Sponsorship / Honorary Levels (please check):**

<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$1,000.00</b>	<p><b><u>“Hope”</u></b></p>	<p><b>“Hope”</b> Sponsorship Level Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8-Tickets to the Gala</li> <li>• Business Name listing on the Invitation and Program</li> <li>• Business Owner’s Name is listed as Member of the “Honorary Committee”</li> <li>• Display of Corporate Logo on the Event Program</li> <li>• Your Business Name listed in the Remaining Issues of the Circles “Connections” Newsletter</li> <li>• A “link” to your Business’ Web page on our Website</li> </ul>
<input type="checkbox"/> <b>\$500.00</b>	<p><b><u>“Hospitality”</u></b></p>	<p><b>“Hospitality”</b> Sponsorship Level Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 4-Tickets to the Gala</li> <li>• Business Name listing on the Invitation and Program</li> <li>• Business Owner’s Name is listed as Member of the “Honorary Committee”</li> <li>• Display of Corporate Logo on the Event Program</li> </ul>

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 Shaker Ridge Country Club ♦ 802 Albany Shaker Road ♦ Loudonville, NY**

A return envelope has been provided for your convenience.  
 Donations are tax deductible – please make checks payable to **“Circles of Mercy”**.

You may also make a donation via our secure PayPal link,  
 Located on our website: [www.circlesofmercy.org](http://www.circlesofmercy.org)

**For further information please contact:  
 Richard S. Zazycki, Director ♦ Circles of Mercy: (518) 462-0899  
 Federal Tax ID Number: 01-0589987**



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**“A Taste of Mercy”**

**2017 HONORARY COMMITTEE REPLY FORM**

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*(Please print name(s) as you wish them to appear on the Invitation and Program)*

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Honorary Committee Membership Levels (please check):**

<input type="checkbox"/> \$200.00	Patron	Includes 3-Tickets and Listing on the Invitation and in the Program
<input type="checkbox"/> \$150.00	Benefactor	Includes 2-Ticket and Listing on the Invitation and in the Program
<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 75.00	Friend	Includes 1-Ticket and Listing on the Invitation and in the Program

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