

CELEBRATION OF HOPE

51 Years of Service

BENEFITTING:

THE HOUSE OF HOPE'S
ADULT RESIDENTIAL, OUTPATIENT SERVICES,
DEAF THINK POSITIVE AND SOBER HOUSE

The Blackwell

2110 Tuttle Park Place, Columbus, OH 43210

Thursday August 19, 2010 • 5:30 – 8:30 pm

Howard Rahtz, Retired Police Captain

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

“The Drug War is clearly not fulfilling any of its goals to reduce drug use or keep us safe.”

Howard Rahtz has a dual background in drug treatment and drug interdiction, providing him with first hand experience of our drug prohibition policy. His career in law enforcement spanned 18 years where he rose to the rank of Police Captain in the Cincinnati Police Department. His journey in law enforcement and drug rehabilitation is an interesting parallel to the 40-years Drug War. Rahtz's conclusion: the drug War has failed as a policy and that America needs to embrace a different approach. Rahtz is keenly aware of the entrenched views that have guided our drug policy since 1969 and that the key to persuading and changing minds is through comprehensive education and a redirection of policy.

Howard Rahtz's M.A. in Rehab Counseling from the University of Cincinnati is coupled with his degree from Northwestern University School of Police Command and the Ohio Police Executive Leadership College. Quite a combination.

Prior to his LE career, Rahtz gained valuable insight into the drug problem as a supervisor for a city-run methadone program. “The people I supervised were recovering addicts. I learned a tremendous amount about addiction and its impact on people's lives.” His experiences grew further, as Executive Director of the Alcoholism Council where he worked to establish treatment, intervention, and prevention programs in the Cincinnati community. He was instrumental in starting the first local family intervention program and spearheaded the first agency to address the needs of children of addicted parents.

Rahtz sees three tenets to the drug war that demand a change in policy. First, Effectiveness: the drug war is clearly not fulfilling any of its goals to reduce drug use or keep us safe. Second, the Cost: in the midst of this economic crisis, we can't continue to throw more money down the drug war sewer. And third, Basic Fairness: how do we explain to people we are locking you up for the same behavior Presidents, Governors, and Supreme Court Justices have participated in?

Howard Rahtz is the author of “*Understanding Police Use of Force*” and “*Community Policing*”.

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Social Hour

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Silent Auction

6:30 pm

Dinner Served

7:30 pm

Program

RSVP by August 9, 2010 – Business Casual

For more information, please call 291-4691

Reservation list will be at the door

2010 HOUSE OF HOPE BOARD MEMBERS

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THE HOUSE OF HOPE PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT FUND

The House of Hope for Alcoholics is Franklin County's oldest treatment facility, incorporated in 1959. From the beginning, our mission has been to provide the highest quality services to clients who have the fewest financial and other resources. The House of Hope has a commitment to provide the best services to those with the least. The House of Hope has expanded to three separate and distinct programs. The Adult Residential program is in Victorian Village. The Sober House is located on the south side of Columbus. Outpatient Services are located on the west side of Columbus.

THE HOUSE OF HOPE MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the House of Hope is to provide alcohol and drug treatment services to those who are most in need, so that they may reach their productive capacity, and enjoy those gifts of life that are only available in sobriety.



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REPLY CARD

_____		Number planning to attend
_____	\$60	Individual
_____	\$450	Table of Eight
_____	\$600	Corporate Table Sponsor

We are unable to attend, but please accept our tax-deductible donation of
\$ _____ (Tax ID 31-4443449) to support the House of Hope, Inc.

Please make checks payable to: House of Hope, Inc.

Name _____

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Amount enclosed \$ _____ for _____ reservations.

Reservations need to be received by August 9, 2010

Mail reservation to:

House of Hope, Inc.

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