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President & CEO, Carmen Colón & Board Chair, Justin Maccarone

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we gather for this year's annual gala, we are filled with gratitude for your continued commitment to ending homelessness in Fairfield County. Tonight, we come together not only to celebrate the progress we've made but to honor those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to help build more than just homes—they've helped build futures.

This year's theme, "Building Futures: The Hands and Hearts Behind Every Home," reflects the collaborative spirit that powers Pacific House and reminds us that every home we create is a step toward a brighter, more stable future for our residents.

Pacific House has been a beacon of hope, offering much more than shelter. With your support, we provide crucial services that uplift individuals, families, and entire communities.

Together, we are addressing homelessness in ways that extend beyond immediate relief, offering pathways to lasting stability and transformation. **Together, we are saving lives.**

We are particularly proud to honor the exceptional individuals and organizations that have helped us bring this vision to life. From architects and contractors to attorneys and consultants, each honoree has played a pivotal role in expanding our capacity to serve those in need.

Their commitment is a testament to the powerful impact that collaboration can have on our community.

**BUILDING FUTURES: THE HANDS AND
HEARTS BEHIND EVERY HOME**

Your support tonight helps Pacific House go beyond the scope of government funding, allowing us to provide essential services and resources that our residents need to thrive. This is not just about creating housing—it's about creating hope, dignity, and opportunity for all.

So, as we gather for an evening of celebration, inspiration, and unity, we invite you to reflect on the impact we've made together and the work that still lies ahead. Together, we can continue to build futures—one home, one person at a time.

Thank you for being part of our journey. Your support is invaluable, and it continues to make a lasting difference in the lives of those who need us most.

Sincerely,



Carmen Colón

Justin Maccarone



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Welcome & Opening Remarks

- Justin Maccarone, Chair, Board of Directors
- Carmen I. Colón, President & CEO

Throughout The Evening

- **Honoring Our Partners:** Celebrating the invaluable contributions of Cathi Jenssen, Larry Kluetsch, Elena Kalman, Charles Connor, and the Edgehill Community.
- **Video Segments:** Experience powerful stories through video, highlighting the work of Pacific House and its supporters in creating homes and building futures.
- **Live Auction & Paddle Raise:** Participate in an exciting live auction with unique opportunities to contribute and win. Your donations tonight directly support Pacific House's mission to provide housing and stability for those in need.

Dinner, Dessert, and Community Celebration

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Bruce and Linda Koe

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Pacific House's dedication to providing safe, affordable housing is a commitment I deeply admire. I am grateful to support their important work at this year's gala.

Jane Selden



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We are delighted to contribute to Pacific House's inspiring vision where every individual has a home and a brighter future ahead. Their dedication to the cause is a beacon of hope for the community.

The Ohnell Family Foundation



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Justin and Marie Maccarone



WHAT DOES YOUR DONATION FUND?

\$25,000

Elevate a Journey: Your generous donation ensures that a formerly homeless individual will receive the continuous supportive services needed to thrive in our affordable housing. Be a cornerstone in someone's new life chapter.

\$10,000

Beacon of Hope: Sponsor two transformative days at our emergency shelter. Your support provides meals and vital programs and rekindles hope for men and young adults facing homelessness.

\$5,000

A Day of Renewal: Adopt a day at our shelter and provide the essentials of life: meals, showers, and clean clothing. Become the heartbeat of compassionate care for up to 80 guests, fostering a safe environment for those in need.

\$2,500

A Fresh Start: Help our clients feel at home in their new apartments by providing essential items for a comfortable living space. You're turning a house into a home from kitchen basics to bedroom and bath necessities.

\$1,000

Nourishing Futures: Fund two hearty and nutritious dinner meals for shelter clients, fueling their resilience and aiding them on their path to independence.

\$500

A Meal of Empowerment: Provide one nutritious dinner that serves as more than just a meal—it's a step toward stability and self-sufficiency for our shelter clients.

\$250

The Simple Things: Make a direct impact by offering everyday essentials that can make a world of difference. From haircuts and bus passes to a new pair of shoes, you're offering more than items—you're offering dignity.

\$100

Gateway Essentials: Contribute to the small yet significant items like haircuts and bus passes, paving the way for our clients to take the next step in their journey towards a better life.

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Home isn't necessarily the soil that you walk on, but where your spirit can breathe, where your loved ones are. It's where all your memories are. It's something that's very dear."
— Animator Don Bluth

We are proud to support the efforts of Pacific House to help people in need make lasting memories in homes of their own.



Chris and Lauren Tate

OUR MISSION

TO PREVENT AND END HOMELESSNESS

CORE VALUES

Commitment: This value reflects Pacific House's four decades of dedication in Fairfield County. The organization continually evolves its services to meet the needs of the homeless population, making commitment an intrinsic part of its mission.

Compassion: A deep-rooted sense of compassion lies at the heart of Pacific House. The organization goes beyond providing housing to offer dignity and respect to each individual, recognizing them as more than their current circumstances.

Empowerment: As Pacific House has evolved its model to include long-term solutions through permanent housing, empowerment has become a focal point. The aim is not just to provide immediate shelter but to give individuals the tools they need for a more stable, self-sufficient future.

Community: Pacific House's active involvement in affordable housing development and its broader commitment to serving families indicates a focus on strengthening community ties. Building a sense of community contributes to the sustainability of the transition from homelessness to stable housing.

Accountability: Being accountable to donors, stakeholders, and, most importantly, the people served is a core value that helps maintain trust. This ensures that resources are allocated where they are most needed and used effectively.



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A Special Thank You to Our Dedicated Staff



At the heart of Pacific House's ability to transform lives lies an extraordinary team of compassionate individuals. Every one of you plays a crucial role in our mission to end homelessness in Fairfield County, and your tireless efforts have not gone unnoticed.

Your contributions are invaluable, from those who manage our emergency shelter to those who facilitate our transition to a housing first philosophy. You are the faces that greet every person who walks through our doors, seeking hope and a future. You are the hands that create the foundation of every home we build, literally and metaphorically.

Your compassionate, attentive support and unwavering dedication make our vision a reality daily. Because of you, Pacific House is more than just a shelter or a housing provider. It is a sanctuary where dignity, security, and opportunity flourish, allowing our residents to find stability, regain self-respect, and rebuild their lives.

So, from the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your commitment to our mission. Your work does not just change lives; it changes the narrative of what is possible for our community. Here's to you, the true heroes behind the scenes, who make everything we do at Pacific House possible.



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Mattos Paschal is the Classics' Head of Sale Manager at Christie's Auction House, where she has managed many auctions such as The Collection of Pierre Durand and The Collection of André Leon Talley, among others. As a Charity Auctioneer, she has raised funds for the Ackerman Institute for the Family, the Brooklyn Public Library, and Queens Community House, to name a few. Before working at Christie's, she received her Master's in Art from New York University and a Bachelor's in Art from Wake Forest University, both focusing on Contemporary Art. When not in New York, she calls Greenville, South Carolina home.

We are deeply grateful to Mattos for contributing her talents to elevate tonight's auction.

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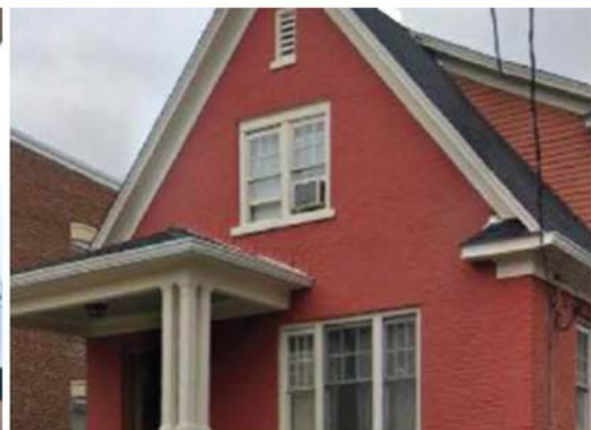
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It's an honor to stand alongside Pacific House in their inspiring mission to end homelessness. Through housing development and compassionate services, they are transforming lives every single day.

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I am happy to have been involved with Pacific House since their beginning, and proud to see the great work they do to provide housing in our community.

Jim Duffy

2024 PACIFIC HOUSE AWARDEES



ELENA KALMAN, ARCHITECT AND ARTIST

Elena Kalman is a renowned architect whose work blends architecture with her artistic talents, with pieces exhibited in museums nationwide. Since founding her firm in 1988, she has designed spaces that are both functional and visually inspiring.

For over thirty years, Elena has partnered with Pacific House, using her expertise to support its mission of providing housing for those in need. Her commitment to leveraging architecture for social good is reflected in her long-standing dedication to the community.



CHARLES CONNOR, A. EMERSON CONSTRUCTION

Charles Connor has played a pivotal role in constructing many of the homes that provide stability and safety to Pacific House's clients. Through Emerson Construction, he has applied his expertise in building supportive housing that meets the highest standards and serves the unique needs of residents.

His dedication to quality and commitment to Pacific House's mission has helped transform spaces into homes, laying the foundation for brighter futures. We are proud to honor Charles for his invaluable contributions to creating sustainable housing.



With over 35 years in real estate development, Larry Kluetsch has helped create over 900 affordable housing units across Connecticut, including family, senior, and special needs housing. His career began with the Mutual Housing Association of Southwestern Connecticut, where he expanded their reach into property management and real estate brokerage.

Now semi-retired, Larry continues to support Pacific House's mission to end homelessness, reflecting his lifelong commitment to community development.

LARRY KLUETSCH, HOUSING CONSULTANT



Cathi Jenssen has been a dedicated advocate for Pacific House, offering pro bono legal services that have greatly impacted the organization and its clients. Her work has been vital in advancing Pacific House's mission of providing stable housing and support.

Cathi's dedication and generosity have helped countless individuals secure the legal support needed to move forward, and Pacific House is proud to honor her at this year's gala.

CATHI JENSSEN, PRO BONO ADVOCATE



Edgehill Retirement Community has been a steadfast supporter of Pacific House for decades, with many residents actively contributing to the mission of ending homelessness. Their generosity has been crucial in helping Pacific House provide housing, stability, and hope.

Edgehill's long-standing partnership is a testament to the power of collective action, and we are proud to honor the community at this year's gala.

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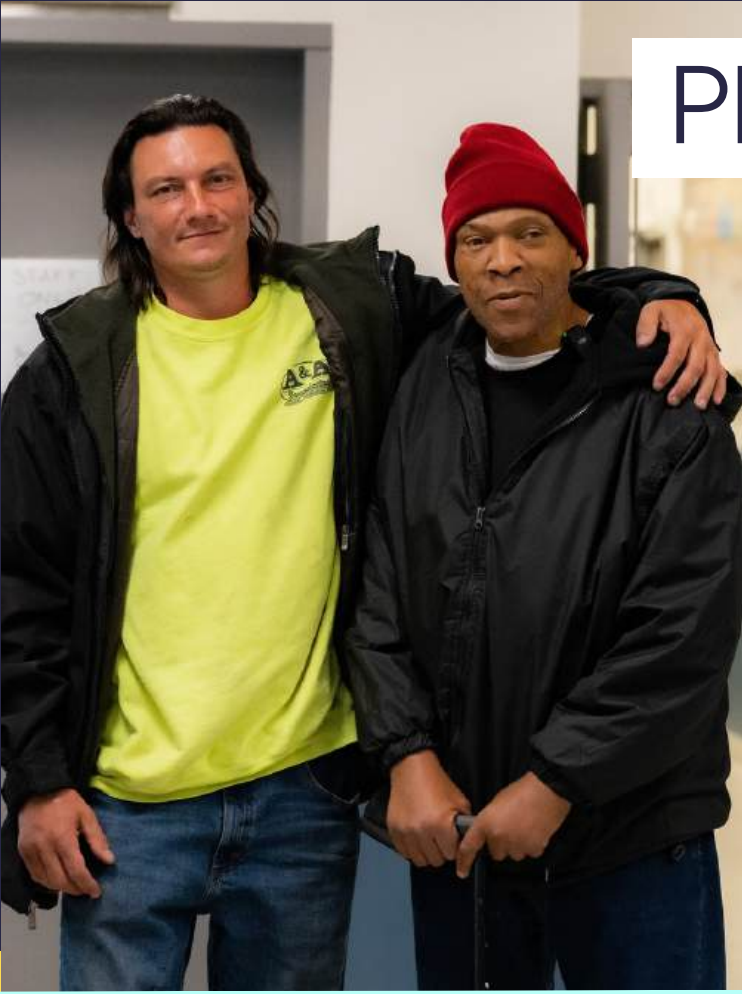
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Joan Connor

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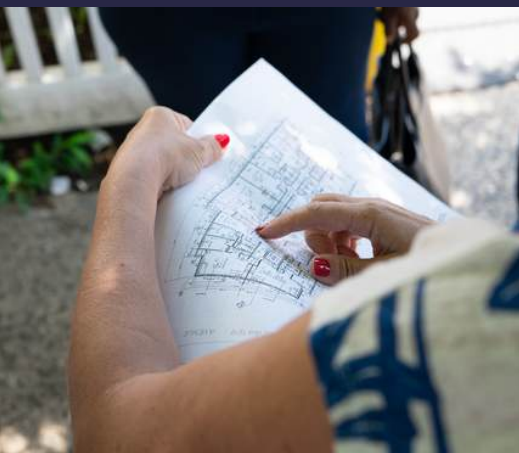
The dedication of Pacific House to not just offer a bed, but to offer a pathway to stability, is both inspiring and transformative. I couldn't be prouder to sponsor such a groundbreaking organization.

Larry Kluetsch

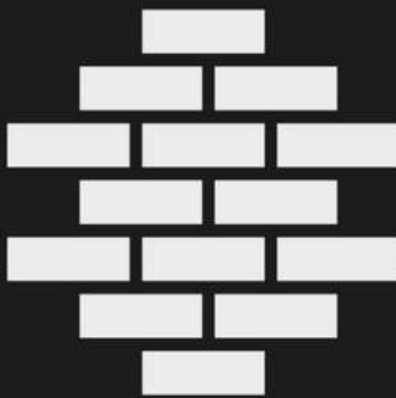


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Elena Kalman Design



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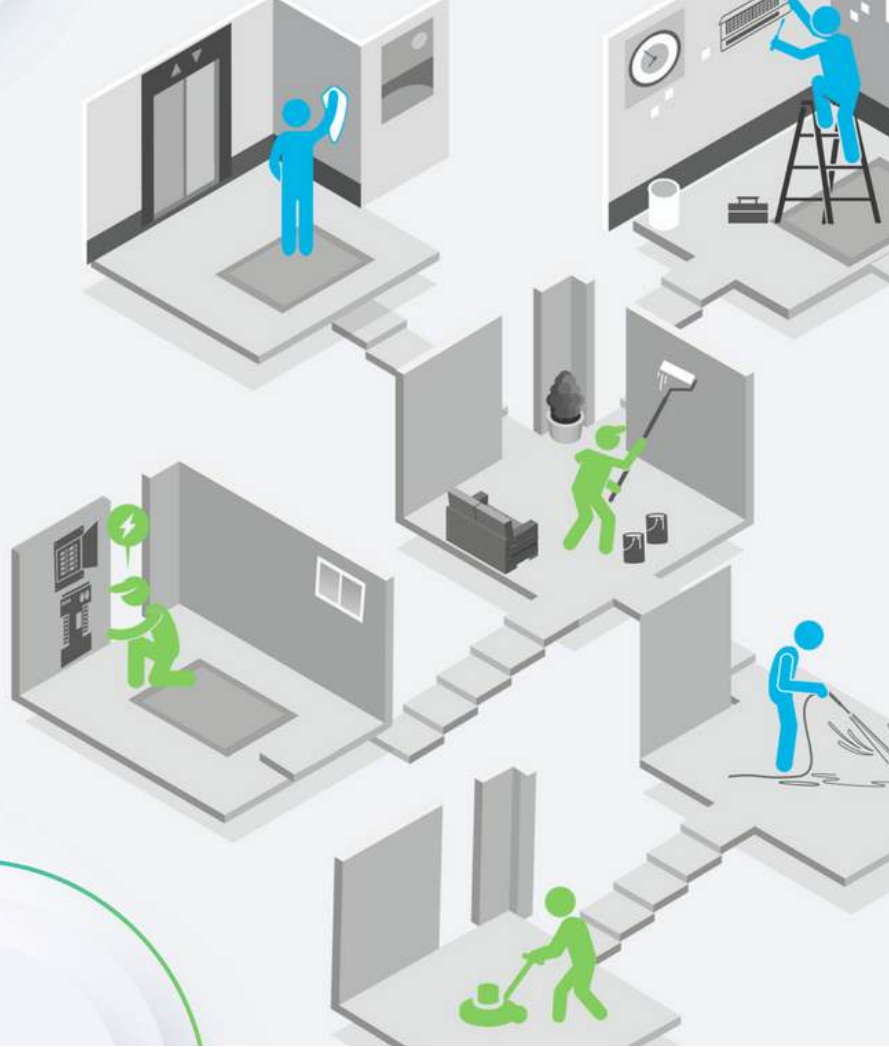


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