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Dear friend,

The Refuge Center for Counseling's mission since 2005 is to offer affordable, professional counseling services in order to empower, educate and support individuals, couples and families in need. In 2016, we reached more than 2,100 individuals in over 15,000 counseling sessions. Through counseling, many are able to receive help before a family dispute turns violent, before a teen feels there is no hope for their life, before a couple gives up on their marriage, or before someone turns to drugs to escape their pain.

At The Refuge Center, we strive to "Live Intentionally" which means to live life in congruence with our values and beliefs while striving for meaningful relationships with ourselves and others. We are honored to present our first "Live Intentionally" Speaker Series with the topic "**Fueled by Purpose: Turning Inspiration Into Action,**" featuring artist, **photographer and visionary Jeremy Cowart. The event will take place on Friday, April 7, 2017** at Waller, located at 511 Union Street, Suite 2700, in downtown Nashville. A catered lunch will be provided.

Recently named the "Most Influential Photographer on the Internet" by Huffington Post, Forbes and Yahoo, Jeremy Cowart is a husband, a dad, an Emmy-nominated celebrity photographer, an entrepreneur and a teacher. He tries to give back to his community as often as possible. He founded a global photography movement called Help-Portrait, an iPhone app called OKDOTHIS, as well as an online teaching platform called See University. His goal in life is to use his voice, ideas and creativity to inspire and help others. He lives the simple life in Nashville, Tennessee with his wife and four children, two of whom were recently adopted from Haiti.

At The Refuge Center, we tell our clients they are not alone. **We certainly cannot raise our 2017 "Live Intentionally" goal of \$15,000 alone; we need your help as a partner supporting mental health in our community.** In addition to making a tremendous difference in the lives of our clients, your gift as a corporate sponsor will offer you the opportunity to receive special marketing benefits and recognition. Additional information about these benefits is attached.

I hope we can count on you to partner with us as a corporate sponsor of our 2017 "Live Intentionally" event today. Feel free to contact me at allena.bell@therefugecenter.org or 615-591-5262 or Amy Cochran, our Special Events Coordinator at amy.cochran@therefugecenter.org.

Thank you for your consideration! I look forward to speaking with you soon.

Sincerely,

Allena Bell
Director of Donor Relations

P.S. We cannot raise \$15,000 to support mental health programs and services in our community alone! Please join us as a "Live Intentionally" Sponsor.





ABOUT THE “LIVE INTENTIONALLY” SPEAKER SERIES AT THE REFUGE CENTER FOR COUNSELING

To “Live Intentionally” is to live life in congruence with our values and beliefs while striving for meaningful relationships with ourselves and others. Clients come to The Refuge Center to gain insight on how to navigate life when unexpected roadblocks interfere in their journeys. Through this speaker series, The Refuge Center strives to engage and connect with our Middle Tennessee community in a relaxed, authentic and nurturing setting with interesting conversation about what it means to “Live Intentionally.” Proceeds from these events fund our mission to provide affordable, professional counseling services in order to empower, educate, and support individuals, couples and families in need.

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ABOUT THE REFUGE CENTER

The Refuge Center opened in December 2005 as its founders Amy Alexander and Jennifer Gillett had a strong desire and vision to serve their area of residence—Williamson County—which is recognized as the seventh wealthiest county in the country. Oftentimes, this wealth overshadows those who are in need in this area. To live among great prosperity and to be in need is often to feel invisible. Through counseling, many are able to receive help before a family dispute turns violent, before a teen feels there is no hope for their life, before a couple gives up on their marriage, or before someone turns to drugs to escape their pain. **We believe that every individual deserves the opportunity to seek therapeutic resources regardless of their ability to pay.**

- Session rate: \$100 per clinical hour, which is well below the industry average. If a client needs our sliding scale, fees range from \$25 to \$100 per session based on income. In 2017, our average session fee is \$44.00. Session cost: \$74. We must raise \$30 for every session.
- Clients served in 2016: 2,126 in over 15,000 sessions
 - County: Williamson County (60.3%), Davidson (23%), Maury (7.9%), Other (8.8%)
 - Gender: Female (65.8%), Male (34.2%)
 - Race: Caucasian (87.6%), African American (6.1%), Hispanic (2.1%), Other (4.2%)
 - Age: 0-5 (1.4%), 6-12 (7.0%), 13-19 (12.0%), 20-54 (71.7%), 55+ (7.1%), NR (.8%)
- Staff: Thirty-one therapists, one psychiatric nurse practitioner, fourteen Master’s level interns
- Equipped to provide a wide range of professional counseling services, including therapy for anxiety, depression, trauma and addiction, marital therapy, play therapy, grief and loss counseling, family counseling, and therapy for domestic and dating violence, sexual abuse, adolescent behavioral issues, parent training and adoption-related issues.

"Live Intentionally" Speaker Series Corporate Sponsorship



The Refuge Center
FOR COUNSELING

Name/Title: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Yes, we will serve as a sponsor for The Refuge Center for Counseling "Live Intentionally" event with speaker Jeremy Cowart. (select sponsorship level below)

	Intentionality Partner <input type="checkbox"/>	Connection Partner <input type="checkbox"/>	Nurture Partner <input type="checkbox"/>
	\$5000	\$2500	\$1000
Recognition on stage at event	✓	-	-
Company name prominently featured in event press releases with another press release announcing Presenting Partner in media coverage for the event.	✓	-	-
Opportunity for company representative to give "Sponsor Message" in opening remarks at event.	✓	-	-
Opportunity to have a Refuge Center Community Mental Health Education presentation at your company	✓	-	-
Prominent name/logo placement on table toppers and table in check in area for guests to visit for your brand awareness items.	✓	✓	-
Name/logo placement on pre-event poster and marketing materials	✓	✓	-
Recognition on The Refuge Center for Counseling's website with link to company's website (visible for a minimum of one year)	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in The Refuge Center for Counseling's e-newsletter with links to website.	✓	✓	✓
Recognition in The Refuge Center for Counseling's 2017 Impact Report	✓	✓	✓
Company mentions on The Refuge Center's Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram pages (the number of mentions is the minimum and may exceed the amount listed)	Three	Two	One
Event tickets	Table of 8 (preferred seating)	4 Tickets (Preferred Seating)	2 Tickets (Preferred Seating)

Method of Payment

- Invoice me** for payment at a later date
 Check enclosed payable to *The Refuge Center for Counseling*
 Credit Card VISA MasterCard American Express

Name on Card: _____

Card #: _____

CVV# _____

Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____

In order to ensure recognition on our event marketing materials, **please submit this form or call by Friday, March 17, 2017**

The Refuge Center for Counseling
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