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American Tourist is back Periann!

American Tourist returns May 10th, 2024, and this time we're going to New Orleans (right here in OKC)! Actually, we're bringing New Orleans style, food, drinks, and music to Oklahoma City's Historic Farmers Public Market right here at 311 South Klein.

We'll have a "Big Easy" Cajun buffet, a cash bar, dancing, and live jazz music by Justin Echols and his band! Guests will be able to participate in wine and jewelry pulls; live and silent auctions; and a raffle.

We'll also be honoring this year's "Inspiring Hope Award" recipient, Debby Hampton, former United Way of Central Oklahoma President & CEO.

Watch your mail for your official invitation, coming very soon! We hope you'll join us for a great evening and to have while helping the most vulnerable in our community.

Last year's event sold out, so it's a good idea to purchase your sponsorships, reserved tables, and tickets now: go to www.UpwardTransitions.org/AmericanTourist

We're Lucky to Have Supporters Like YOU!

We, at Upward Transitions believe we have the luck of the Irish every day in our wonderful friends and supporters!

Here's hoping you have a fun and festive St. Patrick's Day!



In the last year, thanks to your support, Upward Transitions assisted 3,956 people in 2,615 households:

- 1,808 clients gained access to financial and housing stability when they obtained birth certificates and State IDs.
- 792 people in 285 households maintained stable housing when they received rent or utility assistance, and 74% maintained stable housing with utilities connected for up to a year.
- 68 clients increased their safety by traveling to a safe place with a support system.
- 1,182 children benefited from our services.
- 3,164 clients stated that they felt more hopeful after receiving our services.

Also, in FY2023, 89 cents of every dollar donated to our mission went directly to our client programs!

Your support is so crucial to what we do. Without supporters like you, none of this would be possible. Our mission to prevent generational poverty through community collaboration, emergency relief and empowerment, therefore inspiring hope with our neighbors experiencing housing instability depends on our partners and supporters, our fellow agents of hope.

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Inspire hope.

Your gift is crucial.

Join Our Circle of Hope!

The members of the “Circle of Hope” are those supporters of Upward Transitions who have chosen to support the mission of preventing generational poverty by giving a monetary donation at a level of \$1,000 or more in a calendar year.

The “Circle of Hope” will be recognized at our annual American Tourist fundraiser and invited to a special Partner celebration in the fall of each year. This year's Circle of Hope appreciation event was held at the exclusive El Sueno mansion and sponsored by the Fudge family and Claims Management Resources (CMR).

\$1,000 dollars is a meaningful investment in the work of Upward Transitions. Research reveals that a “one-time assistance of \$1,000 with rent or utility payments can prevent a family from becoming homeless for up to 2 years and 76% less likely to become homeless after 6 months.”

The “Circle of Hope” members are making a significant investment in the work of Upward Transitions. We are grateful for their partnership and for the hope they inspire every day through the work of community collaboration, emergency relief, and empowerment.

[Learn more about Upward Transitions' Circle of Hope](#)

At Upward Transitions, our mission is to prevent generational poverty through community collaboration, emergency relief and empowerment, therefore inspiring hope with our neighbors experiencing housing instability.



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