

PRESS RELEASE

Mercy & Sharing
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DENVER, COLORADO – November 17, 2014 – On November 15, 2014, more than 200 guests braved the cold and snow to gather at the McNichol's Civic Center in downtown Denver to socialize, participate in silent and live auctions, and help raise money for the Aspen-based nonprofit, Mercy & Sharing, which cares for the most vulnerable children of Haiti. Chaired by **Helen Young Hayes**, the event was the second annual fundraiser in Denver for the organization. Says Hayes: "Despite a winter storm, Denverites came out in force to support Mercy & Sharing's mission. We had a packed room of 250 guests in what was, without a doubt, the warmest place to be in Colorado. Through the compassion and generosity of our friends, we achieved our goal for the least and the left behind in Haiti."

The Presenting Sponsor for the event was Sherman & Howard, the oldest law firm practicing in Denver. Platinum sponsors were Helen Young Hayes, and Linda Chowdry. Gold sponsors included Chris & Kathleen Pelley, John & Staci Burpee/ Goldman Sachs, and Thomas Malley & Elaine Weng, Baker Hostetler, Chipman/ Glasser, KLH Capital, and Liberty Global/ The Fries Foundation. Other major sponsors were Holly Baroway & Erick Cederlund, Initiate/ Chris Colaco, Marcia & Adam Schor, Ann Roecker & Tim Cranston, Calvin Sims & Patricia Baptiste, Claire & Reed Stilwell, David Roecker, Ellen & Ches Thompson, Eula Adams, Geoff Jay & Shelly Kraft, Hendrik & Ashley Jordaan, Jean & Greg Barnard, John & Sharna Coors, Liz & Blaine Rollins, Michelle St. Pierre, Sarah & Jeff Burney, Thama & Russ Judy, JP Morgan, The Bogar Pilkington Group, Banfi Wines, ARC Thrift Stores, Stephanie Osterman, and Trinna Tressler & Ted Eckles.

Jerry Schemmel, the voice of the Colorado Rockies baseball franchise served as emcee for the evening. Among the guests were: Susie & Joe Krabacher, and Gail & Alan Schwartz. Committee hosts included: Eula & Janet Adams, Jean & Greg Barnard Ann Roecker & Tim Cranston, Sarah & Jeff Burney Dan & Kristen Glasser, Helen Young Hayes, Thama & Russ Judy, Susie & Joe Krabacher, Valerie Lunka, Tom Malley & Elaine Weng, Stephanie Osterman, Chris & Kathleen Pelley, David Roecker, Blaine & Liz Rollins, Adam & Marcia Schor, Michelle St. Pierre, Ellen & Ches Thompson, and Ted Eckles & Trinna Tressler.

For over twenty years, Aspen-based philanthropists, **Susie and Joe Krabacher**, have dedicated much of their lives to bringing desperately needed care to the youngest and most vulnerable residents of the Caribbean island through their Haitian-registered nonprofit, Mercy & Sharing. At the event, co-founder Joe Krabacher related an inspiring story of how one disabled Haitian boy, often left naked and alone under a tree while his impoverished and ostracized mother struggled to survive. He was rescued at a very young age, and with the loving care and therapy he receives, is now a happy and thriving member of the Mercy & Sharing family.

About Mercy & Sharing

Mercy & Sharing provides diverse services to the most challenged of Haiti's citizens. Besides giving a home and 24/7 care to 126 children, Mercy & Sharing also runs three schools educating over 1100 students, serves 2,000 nutritious meals to the areas poorest villagers every week, supplies clean water daily to over 5,000, operates a medical care and therapy center, and employs 220 Haitians. Mercy and Sharing's administrative staff of four in the United States is funded directly by its Board of Directors, so ***all donations raised, including those from Saturday's event go directly to programs in Haiti.*** Mercy & Sharing is supported by loyal private donors (no public funding), dedicated volunteer Board members and officers, and numerous volunteers. To learn more about Mercy & Sharing and how you can help, visit www.haitichildren.org.