



2nd Annual Pro Bono Celebration Breakfast: The Power of Pro Bono to Protect Kids in Need



Sponsorship Request The Need

For years now, children have not received the care they need in the Kansas and Missouri foster care systems. With the help of Children's Rights, Missouri recently agreed to stop using psychotropic drugs as a method of modifying kids' behavior.

On the other side of the state line, Kansas policies have forced more and more kids into the foster care system, and hundreds of Kansas foster kids are effectively homeless as they are moved to a new placement each night, sleep on couches and spend their days in offices instead of going to school, and don't receive the mental health support they deserve.

Kansas Appleseed is fighting to end the foster care crisis with every tool we have - Forming the statewide Strengthen Families Rebuild Hope advocacy coalition, supporting former foster youth to become advocacy leaders, lobbying legislators, and filing a class action lawsuit in November 2018 to protect the rights and safety of our kids.

No child should have to endure what kids in the foster care system are going through. Your sponsorship fuels our ability to organize, lobby, and litigate for as long as it takes until our kids are safe and thriving.

Event Details

Date: October 25, 2019 **Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 am

Location: Grand Street Café Plaza West, 4740 Grand Ave., Kansas City

Introductions by:

David L. Wing, *Partner with Spencer Fane and Kansas Appleseed Board President*

J. Eugene Balloun, *Retired Partner with Shook, Hardy & Bacon and Kansas Appleseed board member. Gene is well known for his extensive work in pro bono adoptions - work he continues to do in his retirement.*

Featured Speakers:

Laura Bauer

Laura came to The Kansas City Star in 2005 after spending much of her life in southwest Missouri. She's a member of the investigative team focusing on watchdog journalism. In her 25-year career, Laura's stories on child welfare, human trafficking, crime and Kansas secrecy have been nationally recognized.

Amber Jewell

Amber is a former foster youth who has been a licensed master social worker for 15 years. She is a motivational speaker and advocate who is passionate about the need to improve the foster care system. Amber is a powerful voice for the value of every person and profession in child welfare.

2nd Annual Pro Bono Breakfast Sponsorship Levels

- \$5,000** (deadline to reserve September 20, 2019)
Includes: Pre-event and post-event publicity, special thank you at the event, listing on invitation, listing in program, listing on welcome poster at event, reserved seating for up to 10.
- \$2,500** (deadline to reserve October 11, 2019)
Includes: Pre-event and post-event publicity, listing in program, listing on welcome poster at event, reserved seating for up to five.
- \$1,000** (deadline to reserve October 23, 2019)
Includes: Listing on welcome poster at event, post-event publicity, reserved seating for two.
- Unable to sponsor this year, but still want to support *Justice for all!***
 - \$500 \$250 \$100 Other amount _____

Please complete this sponsorship form and return to 211 E. 8th Street, Suite D, Lawrence, KS 66044 or contact Lori Johns at 785-856-0917 to reserve your spot with a credit card.

Primary Contact Name _____

Title _____

Company Name _____
(as you would like it in publicity)

Address _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Number of guest seats you would like to reserve (see sponsorship levels for details) _____

Thank you for your generous support!

Kansas Appleseed is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization (FEIN # 48-1219759). Your contribution is fully deductible minus the value of each meal (\$25 x number of guests). For questions or more information, contact Operations Director Lori Johns at ljohns@KansasAppleseed.org or 785-856-0917.