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Author Gillian Flynn Challenges Community
For Every HALO Youth Sponsored, Donor Gets Name in Drawing to Name a
Character in Flynn's Upcoming Book or Film

KANSAS CITY, MO. — This is literally a dream come true for readers across the world. Gillian Flynn, the #1 *New York Times* bestselling author of *Gone Girl*, *Dark Places* and *Sharp Objects*, is giving The HALO Foundation donors the chance to be a character in one of Flynn's next upcoming book, TV, or film projects. During the [11th Annual HALO ArtReach Auction on Friday, February 26](#), special guest speaker Flynn pledged support to HALO with the drawing challenge. For \$200 a homeless child can attend the HALO Center for a year. The Center is a safe-haven that is designed to give them an escape and programming to help them become contributing members of their communities. For every child sponsored, the donor's name will be added to the Gillian Flynn drawing.

Headquartered in Kansas City, Mo., HALO provides housing, healing and education to homeless and at-risk youth in the greatest need. The HALO Learning Center provides healing through art programs and connections to mental health services and education through life skills based, future focused programs that connect youth with resources to break the cycle.

"Every time a youth ages out of the system, it costs our community on average \$300,000 to support that youth through welfare, incarceration and lost wages," said HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh. "We can break this cycle. Gillian's support will help us reach our goal of sponsoring 1,000 youth."

Sponsor a HALO Youth [here](#). Drawing to take place April 5, 2016 at The HALO Foundation headquarters. The winning Donor will be notified immediately.

About HALO

Featured in the Moroccan oil *INSPIRED* film series, "American Spirit" of CBS Evening News, "Heroes Among Us" of PEOPLE magazine, "The Today Show", and Variety Magazine, HALO provides housing, healing and education to youth in the greatest need. Its goal is to empower youth to become contributing members of their communities. HALO is a volunteer-driven, grassroots non-profit with more than 80 percent of donations going directly to programs. HALO serves more than 1,000 youth each year. HALO currently has pin Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and programming in New York, Portland, and Los Angeles. Internationally, HALO supports 21 orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico, India, Guatemala and Nicaragua. This includes providing food, water, shelter, clothing, education, art therapy, caretakers, and vocational training or college for youth in the greatest need. Learn more at www.haloworldwide.org.

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