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15th Annual HALO Kansas City ArtReach Auction Feb. 28
Celebrating 15 Years of Growth and Thousands of Lives Changed,
Fundraiser Benefiting At-Risk and Homeless Children
Announcing 2020 Award Winners: Advocates, Volunteers, Artist, Supporters of the Year

Kansas City, MO — Kansas City nonprofit [HALO](#) is hosting its [15th Annual ArtReach Auction](#) at The Abbott (1901 Cherry Street Kansas City, MO 64108) on Fri., Feb. 28, 2020, from 6 p.m. – 11 p.m. Honorary Co-Chairs are Annie & Ryan Anderson and Katrina & John Scott. Diamond Sponsors are Mariner Wealth Advisors and Platform Ventures.

As featured on The CBS Evening News, the Annual ArtReach Auction features orphan artwork from around the world, artwork from local and nationally recognized artists, silent and live auction items, dinner and entertainment. Pictures from the 2019 event are available to view on the HALO [Facebook page](#). Individual tickets are \$150. Sponsor opportunities are still available. Levels include: Diamond \$15,000, Platinum \$10,000, Gold \$5,000, Table Captain \$1,500 and Table Host \$500. Sponsorship packet details are [here](#). Proceeds benefit homeless and at-risk children.

“For 15 years, HALO has provided housing, healing and education to thousands of homeless and at-risk children around the world,” said HALO Founder and CEO Rebecca Welsh. “We serve as the foundation of a family for children without one and invite the community to join us on Feb. 28 at our most important fundraiser of the year, so we can continue to help one more child spend one less day alone.”

HALO announces its 2020 Award Winners who will be honored at the event: Mary Kemper Wolf and the HALO Advocate Board as Advocates; Michelle Heath-Fisher and Todd Lowenstein as Volunteers; Julie Arnold as Artist; and Veronica Beard and Haverty Family Foundation as Supporters. It takes many to make HALO a success; these individuals and companies are recognized for their exceptional involvement and commitment.

“We are excited to recognize our 2020 HALO Award Winners,” said Welsh. “They have raised thousands of dollars to support more than 1,400 HALO children in six countries, expanded our HALO mission within the Kansas City community, and given countless hours creating art that has changed lives.”

Photos will be shared after the ArtReach Auction event. Past award winners listed below.

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2019 winners include:

Advocates – Mariner Wealth Advisors and Kim Ansari of Perennial Places
Volunteers – Cindy Bartko and the Wednesday Night Warriors Brittany English, Derek Yu, Allison Reeve, Elise Brummett and Sam Hoffman
Artist – Carly Rae Robinson
Supporter – Greg Lam of Copilevitz & Canter
Stars – Madison and Frankie
Hero – Sally Sallee

2018 winners include:

Advocates – Nuance and Apex Systems
Volunteer – Elise Brummett
Artist – Noah Watson
Supporters – Marty and Cheryl Bicknell, Keith and Bonnie Connell and Bill and Becky Krueger
Star – Alesia McFadden

2017 winners include:

Advocates – Jeff Albright and Lene Westerman
Volunteers – Janie Schrader and Irina Protopopescu
Artist – Nina Irwin
Supporters – The Farmer Family and Clockwork
Stars – Marjai, Tiana, Tia and Winnie
Hero – HALO COO Nicole Gerken

2016 winners include:

Advocate – Gould Evans
Volunteer – Kaity Woody
Artist – Lacy Voight Gordon
Supporter – Moroccanoil

2015 winners include:

Advocates – Billy and Mara Hodes
Volunteers – Josh and Leena Fry
Artist – Vera VonHoldenberg
Supporters – Jon and Tara Darbyshire of the Archer Foundation
Hero – HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh

ABOUT HALO:

HALO believes every child should have the foundation of a family. Since 2005, HALO has provided love in the form of housing, healing and education to heal homeless and at-risk children. Featured in the Moroccanoil INSPIRED film series, “American Spirit” of CBS Evening News, “Heroes Among Us” and “25 Women Changing the World” of PEOPLE magazine, “The Today Show,” and Variety Magazine, HALO serves over 1,400 children each year and supports 21 homes and programs around the globe. HALO has Learning Centers and Housing programs in Kansas City, and Jefferson City, Missouri, and art programming in New York and Portland. HALO also supports orphanages and programs in Uganda, Kenya, Mexico and India. Learn how Love Heals at HALO and help one more child spend one less day alone at www.haloworldwide.org.