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LOVE HEALS: KIDS ARE THE GREATEST CAUSE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON
Join “Handbags for HALO” Auction Benefiting Homeless Youth Nov. 9
Watch HALO Film Premiere Featuring HALO Alum Caylin

Kansas City, MO — [HALO](#), a nonprofit that helps homeless and at-risk children around the world, is hosting [Handbags for HALO](#) auction benefit on Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. EST at The Crosby Street Hotel Screening Room in New York City, and premiering the HALO Documentary Short Film “Caylin”. This event is sponsored by Moroccanoil.

Celebrities like Oprah, Rosie Huntington-Whiteley, Lauren Bush Lauren and more have donated their favorite handbags from their closet or by their favorite designer to directly impact the 3,000 homeless and at-risk youth HALO serves each year. Major Brand participation by Coach, Kate Spade, Herschel Supply Company, Bronx & Banco, Rebecca Minkoff, Tory Burch, Michael Kors, Il Bisonte, Published By, IRO, Summer Wheat, Mikayla Lane Collection, Veronica Beard and more.

For almost 20 years, HALO has provided housing, healing and education to thousands of homeless and at-risk children around the world, with locations in the US, Mexico, Kenya and Uganda.

Twenty-five-year-old HALO Alum Caylin is featured in the [HALO Short Film Documentary titled “Caylin”](#) premiering at Handbags for HALO.

“HALO believes every child should have the support of a family,” said HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh. “For years, we’ve supported kids like Caylin who share powerful stories of resilience and become contributing members of our community. When we invest in our kids, their life’s trajectory can positively change forever.”

HALO provides the foundation of a family by providing homeless kids a safe place to sleep and fulfilling a spectrum of needs, from simply surviving the night, to surviving their first job interview, to helping them learn how to make it on their own as successful young adults.

“HALO met Caylin at the age of 15 when she was in search of stability and a safe place to live and raise her baby Avalynn,” Welsh said. “Caylin was a hardworking, young teen mom, who wanted to give her daughter everything she could. Through the years, she has remained involved with HALO and always comes “Home” for the holidays. Caylin graduated high school and went on to college. She has a secure job with benefits, and just bought her first home. Caylin dreams of creating the best life for her 10-year-old daughter Avalynn to provide her with the opportunities she never had. When we invest in the youth of our communities, great things happen. Caylin just needed some support, and she absolutely deserved it. She has broken the cycle for her daughter Avalynn and generations to come.”

In 2013, HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh was selected for the Moroccanoil® INSPIRED BY WOMEN™ Short-Film Series entitled [“Rebecca’s Story”](#), and Caylin was featured in this film. Caylin joins HALO and Moroccanoil on Nov. 9 at Handbags for HALO to celebrate 10 years of this impactful partnership.

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The number of homeless children is growing every day. The demand is outpacing the supply. As cited on Voices of Youth Count, each year, an estimated 4.2 million youth and young adults experience homelessness, of which 700,000 are unaccompanied minors, meaning they are not part of a family or accompanied by a parent or guardian. On any given night, approximately 41,000 unaccompanied youth ages 13-25 experience homelessness.

Event Details:

- [Handbags for HALO](https://haloworldwide.org/event/handbags-for-halo/) is Nov. 9 at 6 p.m. – 9 p.m. EST. Attend In-Person at The Crosby Street Hotel Screening Room at 79 Crosby St, New York, NY 10012. Space is limited. Tickets for in-person are \$150 each, and will sell out. Purchase tickets here: <https://haloworldwide.org/event/handbags-for-halo/>. Cocktails and appetizers will be served. Doors open at 6 p.m.
- Register for free to bid on exclusive handbags here: <https://haloworldwide.org/event/handbags-for-halo/>. Online bidding opens Nov. 1.
- If interested in donating a handbag to this fundraiser, please contact Nicole Gerken at nicolegerken@haloworldwide.org by Nov. 1.

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 Moroccan oil [INSPIRED](#) film series, "American Spirit" of CBS Evening News, "Heroes Among Us" and "25 Women Changing the World" of PEOPLE magazine, "The Today Show," Variety Magazine, and Oprah Daily, HALO serves over 3,000 children and supports 15 programs around the globe each year. It 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.

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If interested in interviewing HALO Founder Rebecca Welsh, please contact nicolegerken@haloworldwide.org

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