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Dear Friends,

The Women's Center will be hosting its **32nd Annual Luncheon on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 at the Stockton Civic Auditorium**. For more than three decades, the luncheon has brought our community together for an inspirational event that opens both eyes and hearts. For the 2012 Annual Luncheon, we are proud to welcome keynote speaker Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, trauma social worker, educator and co-author of *Trauma Stewardship, an Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others*, which has become a field manual for counselors, trauma workers and caregivers nationwide.

For more than two decades, Laura has worked directly with trauma survivors, such as: survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, acute trauma, and natural disasters. Laura was enthusiastic and dedicated to her work, until about 10 years ago she faced the reality that her work was taking a toll on her. In 2000, She began her involvement with research on the effects of exposure to others' trauma, and started to explore the vast avenues in which humanity copes with trauma. Laura's insightful guidance and advice on self-care for those who work with any and all types of trauma led her to begin doing workshops on trauma stewardship. While also maintaining a counseling practice, Laura continues to consult with organizations and institutions locally, nationally, and internationally on trauma stewardship.

The Women's Center's luncheon has become a premier event in our community; each year more than 700 guests attend this event. I am inviting you to be a part of this event as a **Sponsor**. All proceeds from the luncheon will be used to improve the lives of women, children and men in our community.

The goals of the annual luncheon are to raise awareness about domestic violence and sexual assault; raise funds to support the Women's Center's services; honor victims and celebrate survivors; and inspire people to take action against violence in their community. It is our hope that this event will continue to be a catalyst for change, reducing violence in our community by making people a part of the solution.

For more than 35 years, the Women's Center has been providing free, confidential services and shelter for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault in San Joaquin County. Last year more than 24,000 individuals benefitted from our wide range of programs and services.

Enclosed you will find sponsorship information, including sponsorship benefits and a confirmation form. We hope that you are able to join us at the 32nd Annual Luncheon! If you have any questions regarding the enclosed information or the luncheon, please contact the Development Department at (209) 941-2611.

Sincerely,

Joelle Gomez  
Executive Director



**Women's Center of San Joaquin County**  
**32nd Annual Luncheon**  
**March 28, 2012**  
**Stockton Civic Auditorium**  
**11:30 am - 1:00 pm**

**SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS**

**\$5,000 Restoring Hope**

- ❖ Four tables of 8 with premium seating
- ❖ Premium placement in event materials and name recognition at event
- ❖ Display company logo/banner at event

**\$3,000 Empowering Victims**

- ❖ Three tables of 8 with priority seating
- ❖ Priority placement in event materials and name recognition at event
- ❖ Display company logo/banner at event

**\$1,500 Building Futures**

- ❖ Two tables of 8 with priority seating
- ❖ Priority placement in event materials and name recognition at event
- ❖ Display company logo/banner at event

**\$1,000 Protecting Families**

- ❖ One table of 8 with priority seating
- ❖ Listing in event materials and name recognition at event
- ❖ Display company logo/banner at event

**\$500 Fostering Courage**

- ❖ One table of 8 with table signage
- ❖ Name recognition on event materials

All 2012 Annual Luncheon sponsors will also be recognized in the Women's Center's 2012/2013 Annual Report.

Reserved tables available for \$350  
Individual tickets on sale for \$40 each

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**The Women's Center presents:**  
**Laura van Dernoot Lipsky**

Laura van Dernoot Lipsky has worked directly with trauma survivors for over two decades. At age 18, she regularly spent nights volunteering in a homeless shelter. From there, she went on to work with survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, acute trauma, and natural disasters. Simultaneously, she has been active in community organizing and movements for social and environmental justice and has taught on issues surrounding systematic oppression and liberation theory.



Laura initially engaged in her work with great passion and commitment, and with a sense that it was a privilege to serve others. But over time, the work changed her, until she was no longer the person she had once been. About 10 years ago, she finally faced an uncomfortable reality: Her work had compromised her ability to be present in her life, enjoy her relationships, and even be an effective social worker and educator.

Feeling that she could no longer work with integrity, she began the second stage of her involvement with trauma. In 2000, she quit her job as an emergency room social worker and began an urgent quest for wisdom that would allow her to preserve her trust in life and its beauty even when doing work that guaranteed exposure to endless waves of pain. Her explorations took her from Buddhist monks and nuns to qigong healers to Native American medicine men and women to the latest scientific research on the effects of prolonged exposure to others' trauma. Laura's hunger to embrace both the joy and the sorrow of our life experiences is at the root of her concept of trauma stewardship.

Laura offered her first workshop on trauma stewardship to a group of public health workers in 1999. Since then, she has trained a wide variety of people, including zookeepers and reconstruction workers in post-Katrina New Orleans, community organizers and health care providers in Japan, U.S. Air Force pilots, Canadian firefighters, public school teachers, and private practice doctors. She has worked locally, nationally, and internationally. In 2009 she co-authored *Trauma Stewardship, an Everyday Guide to Caring for Self While Caring for Others*. Laura lives in Seattle, Washington, with her family; holds a master of social work degree; is bilingual in Spanish; and in 2008 was given a Yo! Mama award in recognition of her work as a community-activist mother.



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**Sponsorship Confirmation**

Sponsorship Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please list sponsor name as you would like it to appear on event materials)

Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sponsorship Levels (please select one)**

- \$5,000 Restoring Hope (4 tables of 8)
- \$3,000 Empowering Victims (3 tables of 8)
- \$1,500 Building Futures (2 tables of 8)
- \$1,000 Protecting Families (1 table of 8)
- \$ 500 Fostering Courage (1 table of 8)

\_\_\_\_\_ Please list the number of  
Vegetarian Lunches needed  
for your guests.  
(Must be requested in advance).

**TOTAL ENCLOSED: \$** \_\_\_\_\_

- Check Enclosed**
- Visa / MC (circle one)**

Name as it appears on card: \_\_\_\_\_ Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*Sorry, I am unable to attend but enclosed is my tax deductible donation of \$* \_\_\_\_\_.

Please return this form via fax or mail to the Women's Center. Individual tickets are also available for \$40.00. Please contact Kate Macek or Tiffany Baca at 941-2611 for more information.

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