

PRESS RELEASE

Matthew House Begins Collecting Donations & Sponsors For Their Annual Fundrasing Auction

Monroe, WA, September 18th, 2010: – Matthew House invites everyone to their annual fundraising auction event on Saturday, September 18th, 2010 at Monroe High School, 17001 Tester Road, Monroe, WA 98272-2819

"This is our thirtieth year anniversary and every Business, Organization, Group and Church is invited to attend. We would be so excited to have a representative or group representative from every organization there to celebrate our thirty years of ministry and service to our community," said Linda Paz, Director of Matthew House. "With the help of Monroe businesses and Churches as well as exciting event entertainment, we anticipate that there will be an excellent turnout in 2010."

For questions about the fund raiser e-mail us at: matthewhouseauction@hotmail.com

About Matthew House

Matthew House is an organization dedicated to assisting the families of people incarcerated in Washington's prisons. *When a man is convicted of a crime and sentenced to prison, society often breathes a sigh of relief and says "good riddance."* Left behind, though, are the wives and children. They are left to face increased responsibilities on reduced incomes. They are often abandoned by family for being married to a prisoner. Children are relentlessly teased at school for having a dad/mom in prison. *These are the lonely, forgotten lives in the criminal justice system.*

Matthew House exists to support these families with a clothing closet, a food pantry, shelter in our three apartments, transportation to various prisons throughout the State, childcare and Family Referral. Studies prove that inmates who are locked up and forgotten are more likely to reoffend when they are released then those who have at least 3 visits or more a month. Those who receive visits and are released to supportive families have a much better chance of living a crime free life.

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