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**Retro Celebration Slated for LACASA Anniversaries**

Milestones are meant to be celebrated and guests are invited to travel back in time when LACASA Center hosts a special event to commemorate two anniversaries.

The locally based nonprofit, established in 1981, turns 40 this year. In addition, its Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program marks its 10th anniversary.

A fundraising soiree, ***Electric Avenue*: Retro 80s Party**, is set for Sunday, Oct. 10, from 3-7 p.m. at Waldenwoods Banquet & Conference Center in Howell.

Guests can get into the groove as they enjoy a strolling dinner, libations, historic displays, photo ops with pop-culture icons, and dancing to the throw-back sounds of The Sanctuary Band. Costumes with an 80s vibe are encouraged!

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LACASA will present six **Empowerment Awards** during the event to individuals and organizations from the community who have played a significant role in advocating for victims and survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault.

*Award honorees are:*

* **Sandra Pilgrim Lewis**, recipient of the Lucy Diebolt **LEGACY AWARD** for the Prevention of Domestic Violence
* **Elizabeth Stahl**, recipient of the Heide Clausnitzer **GUIDING LIGHT AWARD** for the Prevention of Child Abuse
* **Detective Curt Novara**, recipient of the David Morse **ON A MISSION AWARD** for the Prevention of Sexual Assault
* **Kim Nace**, recipient of the Bonnie Miller & Helen May **HERO AWARD** for Volunteerism
* **Chem-Trend, L.P.**, Livingston County **COMMUNITY CHANGEMAKER AWARD**
* **Lynette Dowler & DTE Energy Foundation**, State of Michigan **CHANGEMAKER AWARD**

The Sunday, October 10, event is from 3-7 p.m. at Waldenwoods, 2975 Old U.S.-23, Howell. Tickets are $140 per person, or $1100 for a table of eight, and include free parking, food, cocktails & refreshments, live music, dancing, and back to the 1980s fun.

Preferred RSVP date is October 1. Tickets may be purchased online at lacasacenter.org/40thparty/ or at LACASA’s unique resale boutique, LACASA Collection,120 W. Highland Road, Kroger Plaza, in Howell.

Event proceeds directly fund programs for victims of interpersonal violence at LACASA Center. Learn more by visiting lacasacenter.org.

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**ABOUT LACASA:** LACASA Center provides critical, wrap-around services under one roof for victims and survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, and sexual assault. All victim services are provided at no charge. This independent nonprofit also spearheads county-wide education and prevention programs that make the community safer.