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19TH ANNUAL

White Party WITH A TOUCH OF Country!

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21, 2022
12:00PM-4:00PM

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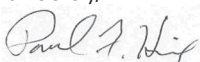
Thank you for attending the 19th Annual West Shore AWARE White Party "With a Touch of Country". On behalf of the Board of Directors and the entire West Shore AWARE membership, thank you for choosing to attend this event filled with fun, entertainment, and culinary treats. Through your generosity this event will positively impact the lives of our Lakeshore neighbors.

In 2003 a group of community minded individuals with inclusive beliefs and a desire to make a positive impact formed West Shore AWARE. The vision was, and continues to be, to establish a positive path forward by assisting those in need and facilitating education with a desire to create community awareness through collaboration and showing the positive power created through respect, diversity and understanding to strengthen our Lake Shore communities. **To do this, members of the local gay community and their supporters formed West Shore AWARE. Thanks to our members and all the wonderful individuals and businesses that have supported us, we have raised over \$1,000,000 for local 501©3 non-profit and our Scholarship Endowment Fund. In 2021, we donated over \$60,000 to 15 local charities and funded the AWARE Scholarship Endowment Fund. The AWARE Scholarship Endowment Fund provides Saugatuck High School students and Grand Valley State University students scholarship opportunities.**

We extend sincere appreciation to our membership, donors, and sponsors for supporting this year's event. In addition, we would like to recognize the Dunes Resort for their year-round support hosting Drag Queen Bingo and monthly Meet & Greets. All of your efforts ensure AWARE's ongoing success. Thanks to all of you, we are creating an environment of positive change for the lives of the lakeshore neighbors we touch. We ask that you support the businesses that have so generously contributed to this event.

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Sincerely,



Paul F. Hix

President, West Shore AWARE

TODAY'S PROGRAM

- 12:00 pm Cocktails & Silent Auction Begins
- 1:00 pm Lunch/BBQ
- 2:00 pm • Welcome from Our President
• Raffle Drawing & Live Auction
• **SECTION 1** Silent Auction Closes*
- 2:30 pm • Square Dancing with the Grand Rapids
Squares at the Pavillion, Live DJ
• Desserts
• **SECTION 2** Silent Auction Closes*
- 3:00 pm • **SECTION 3** Silent Auction Closes*
- 3:30 pm Final Redemption—All Silent & Live Auction Items

**See cashiers after your section closes!*



THANK YOU to the Dunes Resort for your continued support of West Shore AWARE and our lake shore communities!

Join your friends and neighbors for Bingo starting in October at the Dunes. **Sundays, 4:00–7:00 PM.**

Please support West Shore AWARE!

AWARD RECIPIENTS

WEST SHORE AWARE SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The scholarship program now offers \$1,000 scholarships renewable for 4 years to 2 Saugatuck High School Graduates. This program is managed through an endowment held by Allegan County Community Foundation. The scholarship board is developing a ten year plan to build the fund into a permanent scholarship endowment fund.

SAFE HARBOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY CENTER

Safe Harbor Children's Advocacy Center provides a lifeline to child victims of abuse and neglect in Allegan County through a variety of free programs. Through our Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program, our CASA Director trains volunteers to speak up for children in the family court and foster care system who are victims of child abuse or neglect.

WINGS OF HOPE HOSPICE

This organization will provide hospice care for individuals that have a life expectancy of six months or less. Pain and symptom management are primary foundational goals accomplished with treatments, medications, therapeutic oxygen and other equipment. Gifts, grants, and donations enable their goal of a painless and comfortable existence for their patients in Allegan County and surrounding communities.

CHILDREN FIRST LAKESHORE

The mission of Children First Lakeshore is to feed all children in Allegan County who are in need of food without exception. The Children First Lakeshore goal is to drastically reduce the number of students in need of food by creating sustainable backpack meal programs within the schools we align with. Children First Lakeshore supports weekend backpack meal programs at Douglas and Fennville Elementary Schools. They are currently feeding approximately 170 students ranging in age from preschool to 6th grade.

WISHBONE PET RESCUE ALLIANCE

Wishbone Pet Rescue Alliance requests will assist with the medical needs of the animals that are brought to the Allegan County animal shelter. All animals that are transferred, adopted, or leave the shelter receive necessary veterinary services and spay/neuter. Just as the cost of healthcare for humans has risen, pharmaceuticals are scheduled to increase by 30% this year. All Allegan County strays and pet surrenders are managed at this shelter.

RESILIENCE: ADVOCATES FOR ENDING VIOLENCE

From emergency shelter and sexual assault forensic exams to school-based prevention programs, Resilience works at every level to advance their mission: to respond to, reduce, and prevent domestic and sexual violence. They offer high quality, confidential care at no charge, ensuring that all survivors have access to the support they need to build resilience and find a path to healing.

AWARD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Westshore Aware Scholarship Fund was started in 2007. Since that time we now are giving \$1,000 scholarships renewable for 4 years to 2 Saugatuck High School Graduates. Through the hard work of the past board of directors of the scholarships and the board of West Shore Aware, we are working on creating an endowment so we can continue to give scholarships into perpetuity. This will remind our community of what the LGBTQ Community has done for them after we are all gone.

Lawrence Gammons, (in memory of Carl Jennings) offered to match all donations for the scholarships up to \$30,000 for every dollar you donate.

Our community has done so much for Saugatuck/Douglas and we want to keep on giving, so please make your contribution by mail to West Shore Aware at P.O. Box 33, Douglas, MI, or go to westshoreaware.org to donate online. Please mark "SCHOLARSHIPS" on your giving.

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SILENT AUCTIONS*

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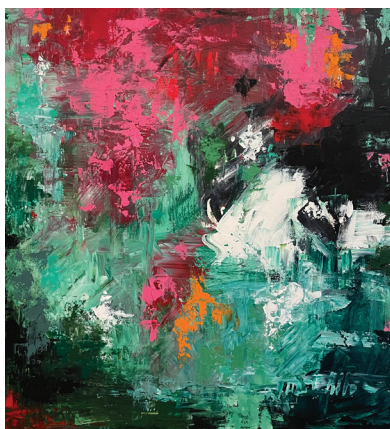
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*Donations received before August 12, 2022.

LIVE AUCTIONS WE THANK ALL OUR DONORS!

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1.

Romanian born and Michigan based artist, Sebastian Sandu calls this wonderful colored painting "Dialog".

Donated by
Sebastian Sandu



2.

A original framed PRIDE artwork by artist, Chuck Foster. Inspired by a bottle of wine or two.

Donated by
Chuck Foster

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3.

Somm+Seeds dinner at your home for 6, including 6 plates, 6 wines, a little education plus lots of fun.

Donated by
Mindy Trafman



4.

A beautifully framed contemporary original painting called "Lunear Horizons" by Jamie Schuer.

Donated by
Jamie Schuer

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ROAN & BLACK
Art-Furnishings-Gifts

5.

A cocktail party at Roan & Black Gallery for 24 people with food delights from Saugatuck On Board.

Donated by Roan & Black



6.

A wonderful cow painting, "Gracie" by local artist, Susan Day Martell.

Donated by Susan Day Martell

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7.

A beautiful metal sculpture by Johnny Blue. A great accent for any garden.

Donated by Russ Lamesfield and Howard Rochte



SAUGATUCK
CENTER FOR THE **ARTS**



8.

8 tickets for one 2023 performance including a behind the scenes tour, a drink and meeting the cast members. Also a \$500 gift card for golf or dinner at Clearbrook Country Club.

Donated by
The Saugatuck Center for
the Arts and Clearbrook Country

ABOUT THE AUCTION ITEMS...

All items are sold "as is." Services and /or gifts must be used within the limits specified, or within one year of sale. All dollar values or estimates are provided by the donors, and are not guaranteed by West Shore AWARE. Payment is due on the evening of the purchase. There will be no refunds or exchanges; all sales are final. Please note that \$55.00 of each event ticket is deductible as a charitable contribution as allowed by law. West Shore AWARE is required by Michigan law to charge 6% sales tax on all auction items, except for gift certificates.



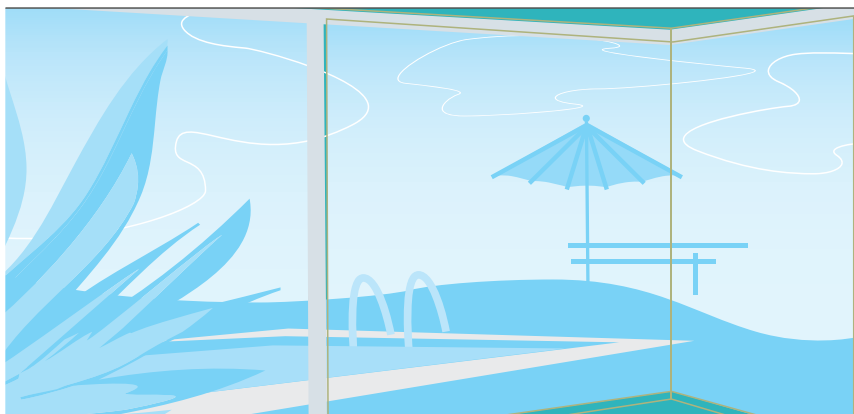
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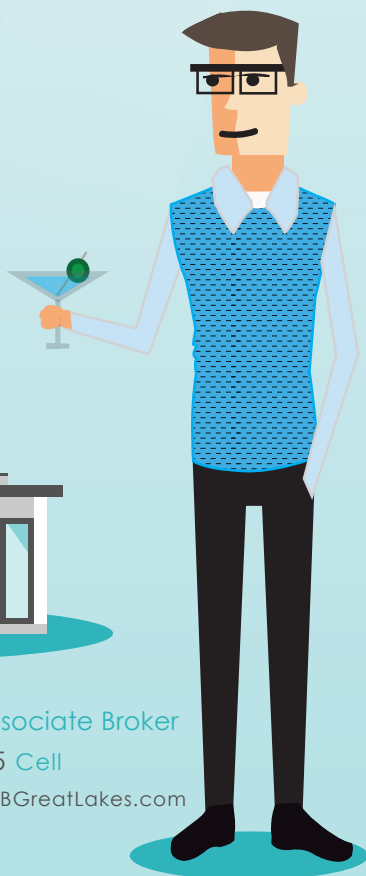


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2023
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All net proceeds of this event will be distributed to charitable organizations and projects that have requested AWARE support and have been selected by a vote of the West Shore AWARE Membership.