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Silent Samaritans event raises over \$47,000 to help women in need of mental health counseling

February 26, 2019, Naperville, IL, SamaraCare hosted its 12th annual Silent Samaritans Breakfast on February 26th at the Hotel Arista in Naperville. The event was attended by 220 guests and raised over \$47,000 to provide access to affordable mental health services at SamaraCare for women, and their children, in difficult financial situations.

Keynote speaker, Dr. Katherine DeWitt, Assistant Professor and Clinical Coordinator for South University in Columbia SC, where she teaches core courses for the clinical mental health counseling graduate program, delivered an impassioned speech of her own experiences with cyberbullying and how it led her research on the impact social media has on adolescents and vulnerable populations being victims of cyberbullying and other emotionally traumatic experiences.

“We are thrilled that funds raised today will enable us to help more women gain access to quality mental health services at an affordable cost”, said, Scott Mitchell, President & CEO. “We are deeply grateful to our donors, attendees, volunteers and our sponsors who joined with us to celebrate the heart and soul of SamaraCare and become Silent Samaritans to help those women gain access to mental health services they need and deserve.”

The Silent Samaritans breakfast is based on the simple idea of harnessing the quiet power of women helping women in need. The funds raised at the event are dedicated to providing fee subsidized mental health care for every woman who comes to SamaraCare seeking help, regardless of her ability to pay.

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advocates. As counselors, we treat the mind and spirit of children, teens and adults who are facing some of life's more serious challenges. As consultants, we work with organizations to help them best serve their members and the community. As unstoppable advocates, we teach how good mental and organizational health allows individuals, communities and societies to function at their very best. For more information, visit samaracarecounseling.org or samaracareconsulting.org.