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## WOMEN'S TRANSITION PROJECT BECOMES RENAISSANCE HOUSE

*New Name Announced at Fifth Anniversary Fundraiser*



*Renaissance House's new logo captures the hopeful future to which its residents can look forward.*

October 1, 2006, BISBEE, AZ – Southeast Arizona celebrated the transformation of the Women's Transition Project (WTP) with many supporters during a two-phased anniversary celebration at Bisbee's Belleza Gallery and the Café Roka. The event marked the retirement of the Women's Transition Project name and the adoption of a new name, Renaissance House. The change signifies the organization's long-term commitment to helping homeless and addicted women gain self-sufficiency and rebirth through therapy, support and education.

The celebration began with an art showing and silent auction at the Belleza Gallery which is wholly owned by Renaissance House. During the 3 ½ hour event, guests were able to enjoy the gallery's rich assortment of art and participate in a silent auction consisting of an eclectic blend of over sixty items. Guests were entertained by an acoustical duo as they partook of refreshments and hors d'oeuvres, placed their bids and met with friends and acquaintances.

Afterwards, those attending the Café Roka dinner feasted on a selection of four sumptuous entrees, wine and deserts.

Susana Sanders, Renaissance House Development Committee chairwoman commented, "The response to our celebratory event vastly exceeded our expectations. We are indebted to those

artists, merchants and individuals who so generously contributed auction items and deeply appreciate the wonderful support expressed by those who attended the events and, of course, to those who worked to make this grant occasion an overwhelming success.”

Sanders also reported that the transition to Renaissance House includes the creation of a new logo and an enhanced website that can be accessed at [www.renaissance-house.org](http://www.renaissance-house.org). The site provides a comprehensive content describing the organization’s mission, personnel, accomplishments, news and events, and Belleza Gallery information.

Stephen Watts, Renaissance House Executive Director, added that the proceeds from the anniversary event will allow the organization to provide even more first-rate therapy and counseling to the residents.

The Renaissance House is a facility in Bisbee that serves women in recovery from drug and alcohol dependence - victims of domestic violence, women getting out of jail or prison, women with mental, and women who are working to reunite their families. Renaissance House provides clients food, shelter, clothing, transportation, and childcare while offering a comprehensive array of services, treatment, and training.

The Belleza Gallery manages an innovative vocational education program in which Renaissance House residents construct Adirondack furniture. One-hundred percent of the profit from the gallery provides operating funds for the House and 100% of the profit on the sale of the furniture is distributed to the residents at the time of their graduation from the facility. In addition, clients learn life, vocational, and business skills while working at the gallery and in the wood-working facility.

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