



180 Board of Trustees

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Dear Name,

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Dear Tara,

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Words cannot express how grateful we are here at 180 for the exceptional job you did as our speaker for the Gala. The "Seas the Day" Gala took place on Thursday, May 2, 2024 at the Rumson country Club Riverhouse with close to 300 people in attendance. Almost every year during the presentation our biggest challenge is to get the guest to quiet down and listen to either our speaker or watch the video. The acoustics in that room are difficult to work with, and with a large crowd it is near impossible.

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Once you started to speak and share your story, the guests were enthralled with you. The room was silent as all eyes turned to you and hung on your every word. Your story was so relatable and truly made everyone in the room feel like it could happen to them, or someone they love. Or maybe it had happened to a loved one and they didn't even know. You inspired others in the room to tell 180 their stories and to share without judgement that they too are a survivor of domestic violence.

You did a beautiful job breaking down the shame and stigma surrounding DV. The Gala is a fundraising event, and we hosted the paddle raise and live auction right after your speech, which gave me goosebumps despite the many stories I have heard. You inspired people in the room that had no plan to give. A person behind me raised their paddle high and bid on the vacation package- this was their first time at the Gala, and they were so inspired by you, that they spent \$17,000 without planning to! During the paddle raise so many people participated raising their hands and donating, \$100, \$1000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and even \$20,000! Our auctioneer had already sponsored the event with no intention of making an additional donation, but she was so inspired by your story that she made a \$20,000 donation.

I firmly believe you helped us raise an additional \$75,000 - \$100,000 that evening.

Tara, I cannot thank you enough!

Anna M. Diaz-White
Executive Director

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Randi Zamkotowicz'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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