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PASSPORT TO HOPE, A GALA TO BENEFIT CARE AND COUNSELING, TO BE
HELD ON MAY 13, 2015 AT THE CORONADO BALLROOM

WHAT:

Serving the St. Louis region for more than 45 years, Care and Counseling is the region's only accredited, interfaith, nonprofit counseling organization. Its mission is to address the spiritual, emotional, and psychological needs of families and individuals in greater St. Louis.

Passport to Hope 2015 will benefit Care and Counseling's commitment to providing greater health and wholeness for individuals and families in the St. Louis region by providing high quality, financially accessible counseling. In this manner, Care and Counseling issues "Passports to Hope" each day.

During the event, the organization will also present its highest honor, the "Heart of Care and Counseling Award" to volunteer leaders Julia Muller and David Fleisher, Sr.

In lieu of a live auction, guests will have the opportunity to participate in several unique activities for a chance to take home exceptional bottles of wine, a reservation for one of several great St. Louis experiences, excellent St. Louis dinners, Fox Theatre tickets, a weekend get-away including airfare, and many other fabulous items.

WHO:

Annually, Care and Counseling serves more than 1,200 adults, children, couples and families throughout the metropolitan area, provides support to area clergy and

congregations and delivers more than 12,000 hours of affordable counseling, professional training and community education. Care and Counseling, a 501(c)(3) organization, was incorporated as an interfaith agency to combine the work of several faith-based counseling centers.

Through the generous financial support of individuals, foundations, corporations and faith communities, Care and Counseling is also able to provide services to those who would otherwise be unable to afford the full cost of psychotherapy. The organization is affiliated with the American Association of Pastoral Counselors, The Samaritan Institute, The Children's Services Coalition and St. Louis Country Children Service Fund.

WHEN: Passport to Hope, a gala to benefit Care and Counseling, will take place on **Wednesday, May 13, 2015**. The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m., followed by dinner at 7:15 p.m.

WHERE: The event, the organization's largest annual fundraiser, will be held at The Coronado Ballroom, 3701 Lindell Boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., 63108. Advance reservations are required. **Registration information is available by contacting Ruthanne Hoffman at 314-878-4340 or rhoffman@careandcounseling.org** and on the organization's website at <http://careandcounseling.org/events/benefit-2015> On-line registration available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/passport-to-hope-a-benefit-for-care-and-counseling-tickets-15608721105>

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