



Conversations from the Heart

Annual Fundraising Luncheon
February 9, 2017

Keynote Speaker: **Nikki Richnow**

Co-Founder of [Freedom Place](#), a Haven for Victims of Child Sex Trafficking

Mission

Founded in 1946, the [Houston Junior Forum](#) (HJF) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit women's service organization whose mission is the promotion of educational, social and recreational activities for Houston's children, youth, women and seniors.

Programs

Community Service: HJF is proud to have given over **1 million hours** of community service during its **70 year history** to organizations such as: [Dress for Success](#), [The Nehemiah Center](#), [Third Age Learning Center](#), [See to Succeed](#), [Kids Meals](#), [HJF Resale Shop](#), [Making It Better](#), [Magnificat Houses](#), [Interfaith Ministries – Meals on Wheels](#), [HAADS](#), [Houston Food Bank](#), [Amazing Place](#) and Senior's Watercolor Society Class.

Community Grants: In the past year, 19 HJF grants provided financial support to numerous non-profit organizations which comply to the HJF mission including but not limited to: [Kids' Meals](#), [Dress for Success](#), [The Nehemiah Center](#), [T.A.L.C.](#), [Sire Therapeutic Riding](#), [Assistance League](#), [Holly Hall](#), [Child Builders](#), [Westside Homeless Prevention](#), [Christian Community Service Center](#), [Houston Youth Symphony](#), [The Arc of Katy](#), [City Art Works](#), and [Caring Friends](#).

HJF Facilities: **HJF Resale Shop**, owned and operated by Houston Junior Forum, has been offering reasonably priced used merchandise since 1969. The current shop at 1815 Rutland opened in 1987 and features furniture, antiques, home decor, clothing and much more. Proceeds fund the HJF College Scholarship and Community Grants Programs. The **HJF Community House Preschool** served the Hispanic community for over 60 years, from 1947 through 2009.

Financial Support: HJF has contributed nearly **\$10 million** in financial support of HJF facilities and volunteer programs since 1976.

Scholarships: Since inception in the 1970s, HJF has awarded in **excess of 200 multi-year scholarships** valued at approximately **\$1,000,000** to students who originally attended the HJF Community House Preschool. All prior students may apply for college, graduate and special courses scholarships.

HJF Endowment Fund: In 1983, the HJF Endowment Fund was established to assist in fulfilling the HJF's charitable purposes; the fund currently exceeds **\$1.3 million**.

For more information contact: Laura Hellums at lhellums@swbell.net or 713.299.9906

All net proceeds from the "Conversations from the Heart" Luncheon go directly to fund the HJF College Scholarship Program and the HJF Community Grants Program.