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**PRESS RELEASE**

**VICTORY PROGRAMS' 28<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL DINNERFEST RED PARTY + AUCTION RAISES THE BAR, AGAIN**  
*For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row, Victory Programs' annual Dinnerfest RED Party + Auction sets another fundraising record for vital health, housing, and prevention services.*

**Boston, Wednesday, April 25** – Every spring Victory Programs' signature fundraiser, a charity auction featuring premium dining experiences and other unique prizes, attracts more than 250 supporters from around the Greater Boston area for an afternoon of food, friends and fun. The event raised a record-breaking \$140,000 which will directly support vital services for the 2,500 individuals who turn to Victory Programs each year for help recovering from substance addiction, overcoming homelessness, and/or managing chronic illness like HIV/AIDS or Hepatitis C. Resources for these services are critical as Victory Programs and other human services organizations continue to innovate to better address the increasing impact of the opioid crisis and alarming surges in new cases of new Hepatitis C and HIV infections in vulnerable, young injection-drug users.

This year, Victory Programs partnered with an exciting new venue, City Winery | Boston, and a stellar trio of event co-chairs composed of Tiffani Faison, Richard Gordon, and Scott Kearnan who helped to connect with participating restaurants and promote the event. Guests took home more than 100 exciting prizes between an abundant selection of silent auction packages including some valued at well over \$1,000; a dynamic live auction with a professional auctioneer and unique opportunities like a Dine-A-Round at all three of Tiffani Faison's Fenway restaurants, and in home food and wine pairing experience curated by Jonathan Fenelon, a chance to go behind the scenes at top Boston Restaurants with food writer Scott Kearnan and more; mysterious "Balloon Pop" prizes; a new-this-year "Party Board" and more. Many guests also chose to give generously during the "Fund-A-Victory" paddle bid after hearing Victory Programs' client Alan B. share his moving story about his journey from a Taunton jail cell to his own apartment through successful recovery.

Victory Programs is deeply grateful to all of the attendees, volunteers, corporate sponsors, in-kind donors, and participating restaurants whose altruism makes this event possible each year. Every dollar raised at Victory Programs' Dinnerfest RED Party + Auction represents hope and a chance at a fresh start for and individual or family with nowhere else to go.



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**About Victory Programs**

Victory Programs has more than 40 years of experience opening doors to hope, health and housing for individuals and families in need. Since its inception in 1975, the agency has expanded to 19 health, housing and prevention programs providing shelter and recovery services to more than 2,500 people annually. Victory Programs has a storied history of responding to emerging needs in the community – from being one of the first agencies in Massachusetts to allow HIV positive clients into its addiction recovery programs in 1981 to launching a mobile prevention unit in 2015 to reach individuals and families in the community and better serve their needs. Throughout its organizational growth, Victory Programs' commitment to those struggling with homelessness, drug and alcohol addiction and chronic illnesses like HIV/AIDS always remains its top priority.