

The third annual Firefly Supper benefiting Doors of Hope will take place on Thursday, October 19 at Stone Gate Farm.

Chefs Mitchell Murphree, Five Senses, Brett Corrieri, MAFIAoZA'S in Nashville and Franklin, Michael DeChirico, Tom Goodner, and Ronald Kloes, Adams Place Independent Living, and Michael O'Bannon, retired pastor will gather to prepare the meal.

"The Firefly Supper is a wonderful event that raises community awareness about the mission of Doors of Hope. The evening includes amazing food prepared by talented local chefs in a gorgeous venue, served by the students from Blackman High School's Culinary Arts Department," says Firefly Supper committee chair Lori Sain Smith.

The Ragsdale Family Foundation is the event's Presenting Sponsor. The John W. and Barbara A. Dant Charitable Foundation is sponsoring the Bart Warner Volunteer of the Year Award that will be presented at the Firefly Supper. The late Dr. Bart Warner was instrumental in the early years of Doors of Hope, and to honor his immense contributions, the Volunteer of the Year Award was named in his memory.

Doors of Hope founder, Maridel Williams, is anxious for guests to hear about the incredible growth of the organization. "This year has been one of unprecedented opportunities for expansion," says Williams. "Our social enterprise, Red Door Catering, which offers women in our program a place to gain solid work experience in the kitchen, has met with much success in our community. By offering catering services as well as Dinner-to-Go options, the Red Door's calendar is filling quickly!"

"Therapeutic Community started in January at the Rutherford County Correctional Work Center and has gained remarkable support from corrections and the criminal justice system. Women accepted into this program receive six hours of structured programming each day, focusing on education as well as counseling and other important services."

"Most recently, Project HOPE was launched at the Rutherford County Adult Detention Center. This collaboration with Mayor Burgess' office along with Sheriff Fitzhugh and Major Salandy of RCADC, will focus on education and transition planning. A variety of classes are offered, and case managers work with each woman to assess her needs, help locate resources, and map out a plan for success. Without such help, there is a much greater risk of recidivism."

To learn more about Doors of Hope, please make plans to attend the Firefly Supper on October 19. A limited number of tickets are still available. Please contact Doors of Hope at (615) 900-0634 email [Stephanie Kinard at stephdk@gmail.com](mailto:stephdk@gmail.com).