



Note from J.B. Smith

Wine & Cheese Committee Chairman

I am pleased to announce the 2024 Wine & Cheese Party Honoree, **Lana Peacock**.

As one of the founding members of the East Texas Crisis Center in 1978 and have been serving this agency for over 4 decades, I have seen the growth of this organization from its infancy to where it is now; making a difference in this community and beyond.

Lana served this organization for 32 years and of those years she was the Executive Director for 27 years. She has championed and advocated for survivors of domestic violence, dating violence and sexual assault to find safety and healing.

The groundbreaking of the Paula Safe Haven – the Emergency Shelter in 2003, was the culmination of Lana's contribution to Smith County. She collaborated with members in this community, ensuring and enabling the East Texas Crisis Center to increase the capacity of its Emergency Shelter to house from 30 to 60 women and children at a time.

Not only the shelter was built, the counseling and advocacy offices were added as well to meet the demands of providing safety and healing to the survivors impacted by intimate partner violence and sexual assault. She also developed two additional programs that are still being provided today, the Children's Prevention & Education Program & the Women's Economic Education Classes.

Knowing and working with Lana these many years, it became obvious, that this was not just a job for her but a calling! She constantly displayed an outpouring of love for the survivors.

As the Chairman of the Wine & Cheese Committee, I invite you to sponsor this event with the levels listed on the left side of this brochure. Our ambitious goal is \$200,000 and I hope we can exceed that amount. *Together, we can do more to help those impacted by family violence & sexual assault and in doing so, honor the legacy of Lana Peacock.*

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