## Family & Children's Service Presents: The 2020 Leading Lights Gala

*Tuesday, October 13, 2020* A Virtual Event: Honoring Our <u>Heroes Within</u> "I've seen and met angels wearing the disguise of ordinary people living ordinary lives."

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## Welcome to the 2020 Leading Lights Gala

Dear Friends of FCS,

Please accept our many thanks for your support of the 2020 Virtual Leading Lights Gala and your continued to support the agency during these unusual times. The partnership between our volunteers, donors and staff has always been key to our mission-focused work but this year it is especially meaningful and for that we are grateful.

Late last year, when we first set the date for the 2020 Gala, little did we know what the ensuing months would bring. By early spring, COVID-19 had sent the FCS staff and Gala Committee back to the drawing board to rethink the agency's largest annual fundraiser. It is only with their dedication, creativity, and flexibility that we have been able to successfully transition what would have been an in-person event to a virtual one. Thank you to Gala chairs, Bryan Gold and Diane Hayes, whose leadership and guidance helped overcome challenges. We also offer our appreciation to Journal Chair, Madonna Goss Robinson; Auction chairs, Timika Muhammad and Tiffany Senft; and the entire Gala Committee. Their enthusiasm, hard work and ideas shared during numerous Zoom meetings has made our first-ever Virtual Gala a success.

Please know that our home health aides and nurses continue to care for our most vulnerable clients. Our social workers continue to investigate cases of abuse, neglect and exploitation. Our staff and volunteers are helping seniors with their Medicare questions and providing online educational programs on issues important to older adults. They are also reading books online to young students to help improve their literacy skills. All these efforts and others are what this year's Gala proceeds will support in the coming months. So, thank you for your support, and your commitment to strengthening, protecting, and preserving the dignity and independence of people in need.

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We truly honor ALL OF YOU our heroes within!

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## We are Grateful for Your Leadership & Commitment

Bryan Gold & Diane Hayes



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We honor the FCS staff and volunteers whose work during these challenging times has meant so much to so many.

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We salute you!

Hilary & Al Gold

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With Warmest Congratulations and Heartfelt Gratitude to the Wonderful, Caring FCS Staff



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> Thank you to the FCS staff & volunteers "Our Heroes Within"

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We would especially like to thank the fearless FCS healthcare workers who have been out in the field risking their own health to help those in need.

You are Our Heroes

Charles and Diane Hayes

Thank you to all our friends at Family & Children Service who have gone above and beyond this year to continue to take care of those in need.

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