



THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
5:30 TO 9 IN THE EVENING
THE SHELDON CONCERT HALL

LET'S START · A SUPPORT PROCESS FOR WOMEN · ST. VINCENT'S CHURCH · 1408 S. 10TH STREET · ST. LOUIS, MO 63104 · (314) 241-2324

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Dear Friends,

As a community, we are concerned about the quality of life for the women and children who are most directly affected by incarceration. We are reaching out to you because we believe that you are also one who cares about this issue. We invite you to please help us make the life path a little easier for these families by supporting **Let's Start the Music 2017!**

Having a mother in prison leads to feelings of sadness, anger, depression, fear, anxiety, and helplessness in children. They often struggle with schoolwork and have behavior issues at home. They have many unanswered questions, and they face stigma at school for having an incarcerated mother. When mothers return home, they are faced with barriers that impede their success. They struggle to find stable employment and safe housing, and many of their closest relationships have to be rebuilt.

Today, YOU can do something to support these families and make an impact on those affected by this issue! For 28 years, Let's Start has served the Greater St. Louis community with the mission to stabilize families during and after the devastating experience of maternal incarceration. We work directly with the mothers and families to provide support, community, collaboration, and referrals toward the goal of restoration and healing.

We are honored to present the 11th Annual **Let's Start the Music** at the beautiful Sheldon Concert Hall on Thursday, September 21, featuring the amazing talent of Brian Owens. Additionally, we will present the **Sandra Ware Gratitude Award** to individuals who have served the families and children of Let's Start as long-time supporters and advocates. This award is given each year in memory of Sandra to those individuals who have been-and continue to be-an integral part of the support process of Let's Start. Your sponsorship of this evening will send a powerful message to the community that you too support these families.

Please see the attached details and select your sponsorship level. We hope that, by doing so, you will take great pride in helping the mothers and children in need. Please respond by July 14 in order for your Premium sponsorship to be included in the invitation!

If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Cramsey, Executive Director, at 314-241-2324. Thank you in advance for your support of this important event. We look forward to seeing you at the Sheldon on September 21st!

Very sincerely,

Aisha White, Event Chair