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Florence Crittenton's annual luncheon hosted Chrissy Metz

Presented by Gifts for Empowerment, the event raised more than \$370,000 for at-risk girls in the Valley

PHOENIX (April 2018) – On March 22nd, Golden Globe and Emmy nominated actress, Chrissy Metz, shared her story of becoming an actress, overcoming childhood trauma and her unexpected rise to fame from playing Kate from “This Is Us” at Florence Crittenton’s 16th Annual Teaming Up For Girls Luncheon.

Over 650 inspirational leaders, including emcee, Heather Moore and event Honorary Chair, Rebecca Ailes-Fine, attended the event. Proceeds from the luncheon directly support Florence Crittenton’s core programs such as its Therapeutic Group Home, Girls Ranch and the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona.

The luncheon also featured, Jennifer Caraway, owner of The Joy Bus Diner, who was honored with the HOPE (Head start, Opportunity, Positive future and Education) Award for her work to empower and encourage homebound cancer patients in the valley.

“Chrissy and Jennifer both have stories that reflect the spirit of persistence and gratitude in the midst of hardships,” said Dr. Kellie Warren, CEO of Florence Crittenton “We are so grateful they took the time to speak directly with our girls about the impact they can make in their community and the world around them, when they use all that they have been through to encourage and uplift others.”

For more information on Florence Crittenton and its upcoming community events, please visit www.flocrit.org.

About Florence Crittenton

Founded in 1896, the mission of Florence Crittenton is to give every girl whose life we touch safety, hope and opportunity. The Agency has helped foster the recovery of girls and young women who have endured periods of victimization, chronic neglect, homelessness, poverty, teen pregnancy, drug abuse and/or mental instability. Our evidenced-based programs and services provide housing, healthcare, education, counseling, and social support to young women and girls, ages 10-to-25. Also, Florence Crittenton holds the charter for the state's first and only public, single-gender preparatory school, the Girls Leadership Academy of Arizona (GLAAZ).

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