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## **Florence Crittenton’s Annual Luncheon to host Chrissy Metz as Keynote Speaker**

*Presented by Gifts for Empowerment, 16th Annual Teaming Up For Girls Luncheon will help at-risk girls in the valley.*

**PHOENIX** – On March 22, 2018, Florence Crittenton’s 16<sup>th</sup> annual Teaming Up for Girls Luncheon, presented by Gifts for Empowerment, will be held at the J.W. Marriott Scottsdale Camelback Inn Resort and Spa to celebrate over 120 years of service to at-risk girls and young women throughout Arizona. Florence Crittenton is honored to have **Chrissy Metz**, Golden Globe and Emmy nominated actress, as this year’s keynote speaker.

Metz is best known for her role as Kate Pearson in the series *This Is Us* on NBC. Metz is from Homestead, Florida. The middle child of five siblings, Chrissy took the spotlight as the ‘entertaining diplomat’ of the family. She moved to Japan as an infant and lived there for nine years before moving back to the States. After being discovered in Gainesville, Florida at a local talent event that she originally attended as a chaperone for her sister, she packed up and moved to Los Angeles to find her way into entertainment.

“I look forward to meeting the girls Florence Crittenton serves and to sharing my story,” said Chrissy Metz. “No matter what life throws your way or what challenges you may face, you can find healing, achieve amazing things and make a difference.”

Florence Crittenton is also honored to have longtime-supporter **Rebecca Ailes-Fine** as this year’s honorary chair. In addition, the agency is elated to award **Jennifer Caraway**, owner of The Joy Bus Diner, with this year’s HOPE Award, for her work to improve the lives of local cancer patients “through the power of a hand delivered meal and face-to-face interaction.” The program will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will include a moderated Q&A with Metz and a HOPE Award presentation. Guests will also hear firsthand success stories from girls who have been touched by Florence Crittenton’s programs. The annual event will feature a VIP meet-and-greet with Chrissy Metz at 10 a.m., a silent auction with Mystery Boxes and the fabulous Ina Manaster Dream Bags that are gifted to the two tables who collectively raise the highest donations.

“Florence Crittenton is dedicated to providing safety, hope and opportunity to every girl whose life we touch, and we are continually blessed to have an outpouring of support from those who believe in our mission,” said Dr. Kellie Warren, CEO of Florence Crittenton. “Women like Chrissy Metz, Jennifer Caraway and Rebecca Ailes-Fine embody what we strive to teach the girls we serve every day—that anything is possible and that a single compassionate person can make a world of a difference.”

Table Sponsorships begin at \$2,750 and individual tickets are \$275. For more information on how to get involved or to learn more about ticket and sponsorship opportunities, please contact Jamie Hobbs at [jhobbs@flocrit.org](mailto:jhobbs@flocrit.org) or at (602) 288.4581. To register, visit: <https://donate.flocrit.org/TUFGTickets>.

### **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 counseling, education, healthcare, housing 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).*