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MAJOR AWARD FEATURED AT EXTENDED HOUSING, INC.'S 2018 *ROCK THE HOUSE* FUNDRAISING EVENT

\$100,000 in "Cy Pres" Funds Distributed by Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A.

PAINESVILLE, OH, NOVEMBER 14, 2018 An unanticipated award highlighted Extended Housing, Inc.'s *Rock the House* fundraiser last month. Ric Selby, a partner in the law firm of Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A., presented Karen McLeod, the executive director of Extended Housing, Inc., with a giant check, representing the distribution of one hundred thousand dollars to the nonprofit. The source of the money was unclaimed funds from a class action lawsuit settlement. The event also raised nearly thirty-five thousand dollars in individual donations and corporate sponsorships.

Two hundred and fifty people were in attendance at the event, which was held on October 5, 2018 at the Normandy Party Center in Wickliffe. Ricky & The Rockets provided musical entertainment and Q104's Amanda Morales served as the emcee for the evening.

Many attendees came dressed as their favorite rock star and there were some stellar entrants in the costume contest. The event raised funds for the nonprofit in several ways, including a "Rock Raffle" for several prize baskets, sideboards, and raffles for several special items, including a Cancun vacation. The evening's silent auction featured a heavy metal guitar made by students at the Auburn Career Center. A new attraction at this year's event was a photo booth.

McLeod stated, "Ohio Lawyers Give Back blew Extended Housing away at our *Rock the House* fundraiser on October 5, 2018! Thank you, Dworken & Bernstein, for your continued fight to help nonprofits! You truly are lawyers who give back! Thank you to our community for your support. The generosity shown to us this year was unprecedented. Together we are making a difference in the lives of individuals with a severe and persistent mental illness."

Rock the House was made possible through a grant from the Painesville Community Improvement Corporation. Sponsors of the event included Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A., Enterprise Title Agency, Inc., John and Barbara Konrad, Michael and Nadine



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About Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A., Ohio Lawyers Give Back, and cy pres

Ohio Lawyers Give Back was founded by Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A. to promote the use of cy pres in class action settlements.

Often at the conclusion of a class action, some class members cannot be found and their share of the settlement goes unclaimed. This can amount to a large sum.

The ancient cy pres doctrine is now being used to anticipate unclaimed funds and distribute them to the next-best beneficiaries, including a host of worthy nonprofits that serve the community in a myriad of ways.

Under the aegis of Ohio Lawyers Give Back, Dworken & Bernstein has been responsible for the distribution of over \$37 million to many deserving communal organizations since 2003.

Considering the tremendous potential to pour unclaimed settlement dollars back into the community, Dworken & Bernstein uses the Ohio Lawyers Give Back platform to encourage and support the broad use of cy pres in class action settlements across the country where significant unclaimed funds are expected.

Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A. is the largest law firm in the Lake, Geauga, and Ashtabula County area and has offices in Painesville and downtown Cleveland.

For information about Ohio Lawyers Give Back, please visit ohiolawyersgiveback.org. For information about Dworken & Bernstein, please visit dworkenlaw.com.

About Extended Housing, Inc.

Extended Housing, Inc. is a private 501(c)(3) nonprofit agency that supports individuals with severe and persistent mental illness to live as independently as possible by creating, developing, and sustaining safe, decent, affordable housing options. Extended Housing, Inc. has purchased or developed twenty properties throughout Lake County, and in 2013, opened McKinley Grove, a permanent supportive housing apartment community in Painesville, the first of its kind in Lake County.

For information about Extended Housing, Inc., please visit extendedhousing.org.

Governed by a board of directors, Extended Housing, Inc. is certified by the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS) and receives funding and support from the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board, which is responsible for planning, funding, and evaluating Lake County's mental health and recovery services.

For information about the Lake County ADAMHS Board, please visit helpthatworks.us.



Ric Selby, a partner in the law firm of Dworken & Bernstein Co., L.P.A.; Photo courtesy Mark Gifford, ©2018



Ric Selby with Karen McLeod, executive director of Extended Housing, Inc. (in blonde wig and white jacket); Extended Housing, Inc. staff and volunteers; and Anthony Brzytwa, board president (in navy polo and khaki pants); Photo courtesy Mark Gifford, ©2018



Q104's Amanda Morales served as the emcee for the evening; Photo courtesy Mark Gifford, ©2018



Ricky & The Rockets provided musical entertainment; Photo courtesy Mark Gifford, ©2018



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