



Dear Friends,

What an incredible 15 YEARS it has been!

When we started this journey in 2007, our intent was to help women with life controlling issues. We imagined a place to provide women with hope, unconditional love, and above all, **FREEDOM**. We never imagined how this would grow, reaching far beyond the local agencies and women in our own community. Over the past 15 years, we have served locally and globally through our many programs and relationships. Through our *Dress a Girl Around the World* program, we have provided 1 MILLION dresses to over 75 developing countries around the world to help prevent sex trafficking. Our *Stop Human Trafficking-End the Cycle* program enables us to educate and raise awareness within the community about this problem that is on the rise. It has become a \$150B **a year** industry, with New York State being one of the top domestic destinations for trafficking. The *Butterfly Boutique* provides free, casual, and professional clothing to women in need who have been rescued from abusive situations, often with only the clothes on their backs, and needing everything from clothing, shoes, undergarments and basic toiletry items. Our *Beauty for Ashes* program offers a safe environment for women to tell their story and be set free! We all have a story! The *Monarca Project* is a way for women to come together in a peer support group to help women affected by trauma, domestic or community, sexual abuse and human trafficking.

God's grace will carry each woman through their journey in hopes of healing to occur and realize FREEDOM! We join together in a supportive, open community where stories are shared, connections are made and grace flourishes.

Of course, NONE of this is possible without the love and support of the community and of sponsors such as yourself. As we continue to serve, we ask that you consider supporting our 15-year Celebration Hoedown through sponsorships and/or donations. And we hope to see you Line Dancing alongside us! Be sure to wear your Cowboy/Western wear!

With Blessings and Love,

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