

AUDREY'S SOCIETY WHIRL

Bowery Mission raises \$193K at spring benefit lunch



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On Thursday, April 19, 2018, **The Bowery Mission** hosted its 5th annual *Inspiring Hope: Spring Benefit Lunch* at the breathtakingly beautiful Rainbow Room with its panoramic views of New York's enviable skyline. The event, which was hosted by **Savannah Guthrie**, co-anchor of "Today" and NBC News chief legal correspondent, raised \$193,000 to benefit women experiencing homelessness, poverty and crisis, and enough to transform the lives of 60 more women through vocational services.

The event also celebrated the life-changing work of **The Bowery Mission's Women's**

Centers. Some 250 New York leaders were inspired by Guthrie as she interviewed **Anitha**, a Bowery Mission client, whose touching story of life transformation at The Bowery Mission had guests rushing to fill out pledge cards as she was living proof of the wonderful work the organization does and how they change lives.

Guests also heard from **Cheryl Mitchell**, chief program officer, The Bowery Mission, who spoke about the organization's many programs and its wonderful job placement program that assists clients in finding jobs within their field of choice. Following the inspirational program, which included greetings from **David P. Jones**, president & CEO, The Bowery Mission, guests networked and enjoyed a delicious lunch: Herb Grilled Amish Chicken; Demitasse Soup Pairing; and Coconut Panna Cotta. Fine wines from France and Italy were served throughout the pre-reception and luncheon.

The successful event was chaired by **Veronica Kelly** and co-chaired by **Kathleen Armstrong**, **Amé Damaso** and **Anna Lee-Winans**. Bloomberg Philanthropies and Whole Foods Market served as major supporters. AvalonBay Communities, Colgate Palmolive Company, Gibson Dunn and Ramy Brook served as event supporters. If you would still like to contribute towards The Bowery Mission's *Inspiring Hope* event supporting its Women's Centers, please donate [here](http://www.bowery.org/volunteer). If you would like to volunteer, please visit www.bowery.org/volunteer.

In addition, The Bowery Mission would like to invite you to attend their upcoming event, **Broadway at the Boat-house on May 21, 2018**. For



more information about this event and others, visit www.bowery.org/events or contact

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About The Bowery Mission

The Bowery Mission has served homeless and hungry New Yorkers since 1879, when its neighborhood came to define the term "skid row." Our children's programs, called Mont Lawn City Camp & Mont Lawn Summer Camp, serve at-risk youth and began in 1894 by giving the children of recent immigrants the chance to escape the tenements in the summer. Today, The Bowery Mission is a results-oriented organization that is recognized as one of New York City's most effective.