

 CECE'S HOPE CENTER PRESENTS THE 7TH ANNUAL NIGHT OF LIGHT

Lighting the Way to Freedom



Saturday, November 7th, 2026 | 5:30pm

DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Phoenix - Gilbert - 1800 S Santan Village Pkwy, Gilbert, AZ 85295

Since 2017, Cece's Hope Center has served as a place of hope, healing, and opportunity for women at risk and survivors of trafficking, exploitation, abuse, and life circumstances that have left them vulnerable. Every day, we walk alongside women as they rebuild their lives through safe housing, education, employment support, life skills, mentoring, and a community that believes in their future.

This year's 7th Annual Night of Light Gala celebrates a simple but powerful truth: lasting change happens one step at a time.

There is a story about a woman walking alone down a long, dark road on a stormy night. In her hand she carried only a small lantern.

A passerby looked into the darkness and asked, "Why carry such a tiny lantern? It can't possibly light the entire road." The woman smiled and replied, "It doesn't need to light the entire road. It only needs to light the next step." As she continued walking, she came upon another woman sitting alone in the darkness—frightened, uncertain, and unable to see a way forward. She lifted her lantern, and together they took the next step. A little farther down the road they met another traveler. Then another. Some carried lanterns. Some shared food. Some offered encouragement. Some opened doors of opportunity. Some simply walked beside those who were struggling. No one person lit the entire road. But each person lit the next step. Lantern by lantern, step by step, what once seemed like overwhelming darkness became a pathway filled with hope. At Cece's Hope Center, we witness this story every day. A woman takes the courageous step of asking for help. A donor lights the next step through generous giving. A volunteer lights the next step by offering their time. A mentor lights the next step with encouragement and guidance. A business partner lights the next step by creating opportunities. Community members light the next step simply by believing that every woman deserves the opportunity to heal, grow, and thrive.

No single person can solve every challenge facing vulnerable women. But together, every act of compassion, generosity, and partnership helps illuminate the path forward.

As you review this sponsorship packet, we invite you to consider how you can help light the next step for women rebuilding their lives. Your sponsorship does more than support an event—it provides hope, creates opportunity, and reminds every woman we serve that she does not have to walk alone.

Thank you for considering a partnership with Cece's Hope Center and for joining us at our 7th Annual Night of Light Gala as we continue Lighting the Way to Freedom.

Because when each of us lights the next step, together we illuminate the path home.

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE
P. O. BOX 2508
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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Date:

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Employer Identification Number:
82-1022068
DLN:
26053493005127
Contact Person:
CUSTOMER SERVICE ID# 31954
Contact Telephone Number:
(877) 829-5500
Accounting Period Ending:
December 31
Public Charity Status:
170(b)(1)(A)(vi)
Form 990/990-EZ/990-N Required:
Yes
Effective Date of Exemption:
March 6, 2017
Contribution Deductibility:
Yes
Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

We're pleased to tell you we determined you're exempt from federal income tax under Internal Revenue Code (IRC) Section 501(c)(3). Donors can deduct contributions they make to you under IRC Section 170. You're also qualified to receive tax deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under Section 2055, 2106, or 2522. This letter could help resolve questions on your exempt status. Please keep it for your records.

Organizations exempt under IRC Section 501(c)(3) are further classified as either public charities or private foundations. We determined you're a public charity under the IRC Section listed at the top of this letter.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that you're required to file Form 990/990-EZ/990-N, our records show you're required to file an annual information return (Form 990 or Form 990-EZ) or electronic notice (Form 990-N, the e-Postcard). If you don't file a required return or notice for three consecutive years, your exempt status will be automatically revoked.

If we indicated at the top of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

For important information about your responsibilities as a tax-exempt organization, go to www.irs.gov/charities. Enter "4221-PC" in the search bar to view Publication 4221-PC, Compliance Guide for 501(c)(3) Public Charities, which describes your recordkeeping, reporting, and disclosure requirements.

Sincerely,

Stephen A. Martin

Director, Exempt Organizations
Rulings and Agreements

2026 SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS

PRESENTING SPONSOR: \$25,000

- Event presented by NAME OF COMPANY
- Premier Logo placement on event marketing materials
- Company name and logo on event website homepage
- Recognition in all email marketing campaigns
- Recognition in all social media promotions - 3 posts
- Opportunity to provide a 2-minute welcome message from the stage
- Recognition during opening remarks and throughout the evening
- Two premium reserved tables (16 seats)
- VIP reception access
- Logo on event screens throughout the evening
- Featured article or spotlight in nonprofit newsletter or follow up in about the gala
- First right of refusal for next year's presenting sponsorship

BRIGHT LIGHT SPONSOR: \$15,000 **TWO AVAILABLE*

- Prominent logo placement on event materials
- Recognition on website and social media - 3 posts
- Recognition from stage
- Two premium reserved table (8 seats)
- Logo on event screens
- VIP reception access
- Recognition in post-event thank you communications

BRIGHT LIGHT SPONSOR: \$10,000

- Logo on event signage
- Website recognition
- Loop on Social Media – 2 posts
- Reserved table (8 seats)
- Recognition from stage
- Thank you from the stage by speaker

GUIDING LIGHT SPONSOR: \$5,000

- Logo on event signage
- Website Listing
- Priority seating for Four
- Recognition during event
- Logo on Thank you email
- Logo on social media – 1 post

BEAUTIFUL LIGHT SPONSOR: \$2,500

- Name recognition in program
- Mention in Thank you email
- Social media recognition
- Two event tickets

2026 SPECIALIZED SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

SOCIAL MEDIA SPONSORSHIP: \$3,500

- Recognition as Official Social Media Sponsor
- Logo on all social media graphics
- Tagged in social media posts before and after the event
- Sponsor spotlight post
- Recognition on website
- Two event tickets

DINNER SPONSOR: \$10,000 **THREE AVAILABLE*

- Recognition as Official Dinner Sponsor
- Company logo displayed at buffet stations or on menu cards
- Recognition from stage before dinner service
- Logo on dining tables or menu inserts
- Reserved table for 8
- Website and social media recognition

WINE SPONSOR: \$5,000

- Signage at wine service stations
- Recognition from stage
- Program recognition
- Four event tickets

DESSERT SPONSOR: \$3,500

- Signage at dessert station
- Program recognition
- Signage at booth
- Social media recognition
- Two event tickets



PADDLE RAISE SPONSOR (FUND A NEED): \$8,000

- Exclusive sponsorship
- Recognition as Fund-a-Need Sponsor
- Logo displayed throughout paddle raise presentation
- Sponsor recognized immediately before paddle raise begins
- Opportunity to provide a brief mission statement to guests
- Reserved table for 8
- Website and social media recognition- 1 post
- Recognition in post-event thank you email

CUSTOM SPONSORSHIP AVAILABLE

Looking for something different? Ask about custom sponsorships to showcase your brand.



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SPONSORSHIP LEVEL SELECTION

☐ \$25,000 ☐ \$15,000 ☐ \$10,000 ☐ \$5,000 ☐ \$2,500 ☐ Unable to attend, but would like to donate: \$_____

SPECIALIZED SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES SELECTION

☒ Social Media \$3,500 ☐ Dinner \$10,000 ☐ Wine \$5,000 ☒ Dessert \$3,500 ☐ Paddle \$8,000 ☐ Custom Sponsorship Amount: \$_____

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

As you would like it to appear in printed materials

Name/Company
Contact name
Address
City State Zip code
Phone number Email

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Please make checks payable to Cece's Hope Center Foundation

Check enclosed ☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ American Express ☐ Discover ☐

Name/Company
Card number
Billing address
City State Zip code
Signature Date

SUBMISSION OR QUESTIONS

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