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WAYSIDE HOSTS 65TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT AT PARKWAY THEATER IN MINNEAPOLIS WITH SPECIAL GUEST LT. GOVERNOR FLANAGAN

ST. LOUIS PARK, MINNESOTA, November 15, 2019 – Wayside Recovery Center, a nationally recognized non-profit treatment facility for women with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health issues, will host a community event on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 at the Parkway Theater in Minneapolis celebrating 65 years of service to the community and the empowerment of more than 30,000 women and 6,000 children served in that time. Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan will be in attendance and will deliver the introduction.

In the 1950’s Wayside founder Sally DeVay sold cosmetics door-to-door. She met countless women who were sexually abused, unemployed, and addicted to substances. She knew there were systems of oppression that gave these women nowhere else to turn – and that they deserved more. That is how the first Wayside House opened on Washington Avenue in downtown Minneapolis. Our community and has changed dramatically since the first woman walked through our doors in 1954, but Sally DeVay’s innovative vision for trauma-informed and gender-specific care is more relevant today than ever before.

To honor the resilience and determination of countless Wayside women and the staff who have walked alongside them, we invite the community to join us at the Parkway Theater for a panel discussion featuring author and founder of the unPrison Project Deborah Jiang-Stein, trauma survivor and Fox 9 news reporter Courtney Godfrey, and other survivors of addiction, trauma, and disease who will discuss their journey through adversity and grief and what it takes to become an empowered woman who empowers other women. All event proceeds benefit Wayside women, children, and families.

Wednesday, November 20, 2019
5:30 – 9:00 PM
Parkway Theater
4818 Chicago Avenue
Minneapolis, MN 55417

About Wayside Recovery Center
This year Wayside Recovery Center celebrates 65 years of empowering women and families. Founded in 1954 as “Wayside House,” Wayside has evolved into a leading non-profit treatment facility providing comprehensive care for women with substance use disorders and co-occurring mental health issues including intensive inpatient and outpatient treatment, affordable supportive housing, and culturally responsive recovery support services. Wayside continues to grow with five locations in the Twin Cities, multiple levels of care, and an education and prevention division for thought leadership.

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