



Taste Of The Towne Center & Fashion Show

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On Thursday, October 20, Friends of the Light House and Annapolis Towne Centre merchants will host a food/beverage tasting and fashion show. The event will be held inside Great Gatherings at the Towne Centre, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Annapolis Light House, a homeless prevention and support center. Tickets may be purchased in advance for \$30 or at the door for \$35.

The evening's activities will include food and beverage tasting stations provided by a number of Towne Centre restaurants – including Brio, Paladar, Whole Foods, Chop House, Zoe's Kitchen, [Gordon Biersch](#), Cadillac Ranch, and Metro Diner. Models will show fashions provided by Towne Centre fashion retailers – including [Brooks Brothers](#), [Lululemon](#), Lucy, Poppy and Stella, Eastern Mountain Sports, a la Mode, [Coldwater Creek](#), Charm City Run, As Kindred Spirits, and Talbots. Hair and make-up for the models will be provided by About Faces. The evening will also include a silent auction and raffle, with items donated by various Towne Centre merchants – including As Kindred Spirits, [Restoration Hardware](#), [Sur la Table](#), Great Gatherings, Origins, Menchie's, and others. Each guest will receive a gift bag filled with coupons and other fun items.

The fashion show event is a collaboration between merchants of the Annapolis Towne Centre and Friends of the Light House. Eric Stalzer, District Manager of Great Gatherings, states, “We have partnered with Friends of the Light House because we wanted to be involved in the local community. What is refreshing about the Light House is that it does more than just solve an immediate need; it helps its residents to become self-sufficient by teaching life skills. The Annapolis Light House offers self-worth and self-reliance along with food and shelter.” The event was conceived by Janet Roessler and Chitra Gunderson of As Kindred Spirits, who were looking for a fun way to get merchants at the Towne Centre involved in serving their community. As Janet says, “In very tough economic times like these, it is especially important to support programs like those at the Light House that make such a difference in people's lives.”

Friends of the Light House is an independent non-profit organization working in partnership with the Annapolis Light House to rebuild lives by providing shelter, preventing homelessness and empowering people as they move toward independence. Other events organized by Friends of the Light House include Pumpkin Patch, Bountiful Harvest for the Homeless, Annapolis Run for Shelter, Gumbo Fest, and a Golf Tournament. According to Friends of the Light House president, Debra Bird, “This partnership with Annapolis Towne Centre merchants is just the kind of community collaboration that we love to see. What is remarkable about this event is that the Towne Centre folks knocked on our door wanting to help. Their sense of community spirit is extraordinary.”

Tickets for Taste of the Towne Centre may be purchased online at www.friendslhs.org or in person at Great Gatherings and As Kindred Spirits at the Annapolis Towne Centre. For more information about Friends of the Light House, and how you can get involved, please visit www.friendslhs.org or contact us at events@annapolislighthouse.org or 1.443.569.4209.