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BUTTON BALL 2023

AUGUST 26

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Join us for a glamorous evening of dining, dancing, and donations – all to support a great cause. Button Ball will feature fun and meaning - all while raising money to provide services to children and their families struggling with sexual and significant physical abuse, or some other form of trauma. Davis House promises an experience you'll talk about long after the evening is over.

DATE: Saturday, August 26 at 5:30pm | *Black Tie*

LOCATION: Saint Elle – Nashville

TICKETS: Individual and Table tickets will be available for purchase in June. Sponsorships are currently available!

MISSION: Opening its doors in 2000, Davis House Child Advocacy Center provides investigative, advocacy, family support, and therapeutic services to children who have experienced sexual or significant abuse or other traumatic events, as well as trauma-informed community education, designed to guide our towns and civic spaces to be safer and more resilient for children. Last year, Davis House provided these services to 632 new children in Williamson, Hickman, Lewis, and Perry Counties.

PURPOSE: Funds raised support investigative and healing services to children and their families who are facing sexual and significant physical abuse. These services include Forensic Interviewing, Child & Family Advocacy, Trauma-Focused Counseling, Case Management, and community-based Prevention

THEME: The name Button Ball derives from the story of our “Button Jar.” After their forensic interview, each child chooses a unique button that represents them and places it in the jar, which holds the thousands of buttons of children we have served in the past. The jar is inscribed with “You Are Not Alone”—a message we think is crucial for their healing journey. Your participation at Button Ball directly impacts the lives of those thousands of children. This year’s theme will be The Roaring Twenties, so think “The Great Gatsby!”

The evening will include a cocktail reception with hors d’oeuvres, a bourbon grab, an elegant dinner from FLAVOR, dancing, and silent and live auctions. Our keynote speaker will be Erin Merryn, sharing her inspiring personal story, and about the enactment of “Erin’s Law,” which became law in Tennessee in 2014. Live music will be provided by Coy Roy. And we are pleased to have Department of Children’s Services Director of Communications Alex Denis return as Master of Ceremonies.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT DAVIS HOUSE, THE BUTTON BALL, OR TO SCHEDULE A TOUR OF OUR FACILITY, PLEASE CONTACT [SAM@DAVISHOUSECAC.ORG](mailto:sam@davishousecac.org).

SPECIAL GUESTS



ERIN MERRYYN Guest Speaker

Erin Merryyn is an internationally recognized author, speaker, and child abuse advocate and activist. For six years of her childhood she was sexually abused keeping her secret locked away in her childhood diary. Before graduating high school Erin published her diary into a book called *Stolen Innocence*. She has since published 4 more books. She earned her BSW from Western Illinois University and MSW from Aurora University.

In 2013 she had Erin's Law passed in her home state of Illinois. A law that requires personal body safety taught in public schools every year. She has made it her mission to have it passed in all 50 states and has traveled more than half the country testifying to lawmakers. Erin's Law is now passed in more than half the country and in Kerala India.

Since 2004, Erin has shared her story in over two hundred publications and appeared on Oprah, Today, Good Morning America, CBS This Morning, CNN, TLC, Fox, among others. Glamour magazine named Erin Woman of the Year in 2012, and People magazine named her one of fifteen women changing the world in 2014.

Erin lives in the Chicago suburbs. She is married and the mother of three girls and welcomed a baby boy in March of 2022.

COY ROY Musical Guest

Coy Roy, aka Bo Rinehart, a Grammy-nominated songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist began his music career playing guitar, songwriting, and co-founding the rock band Needtobreathe.

Among his many talents, Rinehart is also a successful visual artist creating expressionistic works of art.

Coy Roy's music sets out to distill the raw emotions from his personal journey in order to create a connection with others through a visceral sonic experience.

In 2020, Rinehart announced that he would be stepping away from his co-founded band, Needtobreathe, after logging over 20 years of global touring and award-winning success. Rinehart's separation allowed him to dive inward and fully process the trauma of being a survivor of childhood sexual abuse. This path to healing has led Rinehart to partner with the Davis House, a Franklin, TN local child advocacy center serving children and families affected by sexual or significant abuse as well as other traumatic events.

