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**HOPE HAVEN A DIVISION OF IMAGINE THE POSSIBILITIES CELEBRATES SUCCESSFUL 75TH
ANNIVERSARY EVENT**

BURLINGTON, IA - May 15th, 2025, Hope Haven a Division of Imagine the Possibilities hosted a successful 75th Anniversary Celebration. Held at Catfish Bend Convention and Event Center, Imagine welcomed over 250 guests, including community members, legislators, Imagine team members, and Region 6 clientele.

The night began with a stroll around the event room. Attendees had the opportunity to place their bids in the silent auction, which featured artwork from individuals served and baskets from local businesses. On many tables around the room, guests could purchase baskets assembled from Hopefully Yours; an Imagine the Possibilities owned thrift store. Light appetizers and drinks were served to set the tone for the event. The evening proceeded with speeches by team members Cheryl Plank, Chief Strategic Advancement Officer; Tiffany Marlette, Chief Executive Officer; April Van Hamme, Region 6 Executive Director; Eva Castillo, Region 6 Director of Services; and Brock Anderson, Advancement Administrator. Guests had the privilege of hearing from community members George Rinker and Frank Delaney, who spoke about their family's incredible experience at Hope Haven over the years. The crowd was moved to tears as Quality Systems Coordinator, Dawn Harwood, recounts the many feelings of the Hope Haven staff and community upon the Hope Haven

and Imagine the Possibilities merger. She concluded her speech with a poem, proving why we are better together after all.

The evening continued with video montages highlighting family and community member experiences with Hope Haven. Joe Brueck, whose mother founded Hope Haven 75 years ago, tells the amazing story of growing up while his mother taught and tended children with disabilities. Brueck expressed the pride he shares with his mother, for her legacy has impacted lives for decades. The captivating clips reassured the idea that Hope Haven has been a beacon of light and community impact and will remain so for years to come. The video montages can be found by visiting Imagine the Possibilities on Facebook and Instagram at <https://www.facebook.com/imaginethepossibilitiesia> and <https://www.instagram.com/imaginethepossibilitiesiowa>. The night concluded with an incredible dinner and dessert spread, and guests picked up their silent auction and table baskets before departing for the evening.

The Region 6 team is overwhelmed with the amount of support given for 75 years of community impact. “Wow, what an event! I can’t believe it!” says Plank, Chief Strategic Advancement Officer and former CEO of Hope Haven, “We are so thankful.” Imagine and Region 6 would like to thank the Catfish Bend Event Staff for coordinating such an incredible evening, the Imagine Support Staff for working tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure each detail was perfect, our incredible community for the constant support, our sponsors, and of course, our Region 6 team who has made 75 years of community impact possible. We could not do it without you. Imagine the Possibilities looks forward to many more years of service.

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