

2026 Gala for Hope: A Kentucky Derby Celebration for the Christopher Walden Foundation of Hope

The 2026 Gala will be held on April, 11 2026, at the Hotel Captain Cook. We invite you to join us as a corporate sponsor for this meaningful event. Your sponsorship will directly support the mission, ensuring that more individuals have access to the care they need. Sponsorship details are attached for your review.

Addiction affects individuals, families, and communities across Alaska, touching lives from all walks of life. The **Christopher Walden Foundation of Hope** was established as a non-profit to address the critical need for local, long-term, and immediate addiction treatment and rehabilitation. Our mission is simple yet powerful: to save one life at a time, one day at a time, by providing accessible, long-term, and affordable recovery homes for those struggling with addiction, supported by strong community partnerships.

Key Facts About Addiction in Alaska (2024):

- 1. Opioid Overdose Deaths:** Over 75% of opioid-related overdose deaths involve fentanyl, highlighting the urgency of our mission.
- 2. Rising Methamphetamine Use:** Methamphetamine is a leading cause of emergency room visits and treatment admissions, showing its widespread impact.
- 3. High Adolescent Substance Use:** Alaska's high school students report higher rates of illicit drug use than the national average, emphasizing the need for focused youth prevention programs.

We are excited to announce our new partnership with Volunteers of America to open the Christopher Walden School of Hope and support youth at the ARCH, the only Adolescent Facility in Alaska. This initiative allows us to broaden our services, offering hope and a path to recovery for Alaskans of all ages.

In 2024, we also partnered with True North Alaska to open a 16-bed facility in Fairbanks, furthering our commitment to provide recovery resources throughout the state. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and donors since our inception in 2021, we have helped to establish an additional 56 treatment beds across Alaska.

Our annual galas, 5K races, and private donations have demonstrated the power of community involvement. To date, we have raised nearly \$2 million, all directed towards expanding treatment options and supporting Alaskans in their recovery journey. As we look forward to our 2026 Gala, we will celebrate the picture of survival as we continue our unwavering commitment to increasing our impact and providing even more support to those in need.

Your support will help us continue our vital work, expanding access to addiction treatment and providing a lifeline to those in need. If your company would like to partner with us as a corporate sponsor, please contact **Dar Walden** (907-240-2804) or **Shana Ackles** (907-841-6238), email us at CWHOH@DarWalden.com or purchase online at <https://givebutter.com/UCtyW4!>

2026 Gala for Hope Sponsorship Level

\$15,000 – Triple Crown Sponsor

- Exclusive Presenting Sponsor of Gala Cocktail Hour
- 2 complimentary bottles of premium champagne
- Official Kentucky Derby Signature Drink: The Mint Julep – each guest at the table will receive a timeless Mint Julep keepsake cup.
- Premier logo placement (website, invitations, programs, signage, etc.)
- Full-page ad in event program
- VIP table for 10 guests
- Podium recognition by event emcee
- Dedicated sponsor feature in gala slideshow
- 4 dedicated social media spotlights (tagged, pre- and post-event)
- Inclusion in press/media mentions where applicable

\$10,000 – Winner's Circle Sponsor

- Premium logo placement on website, event signage, and program
- Official Kentucky Derby Signature Drink: The Mint Julep – each guest at the table will receive a timeless Mint Julep keepsake cup.
- Half-page ad in event program
- Premium table for 10 guests
- Podium recognition during program
- 2 dedicated social media spotlights
- Sponsor feature in gala slideshow

\$5,000 – Run for the Roses Sponsor

- Logo on event materials (website, program, signage)
- Quarter-page ad in event program
- Table for 10 guests
- Social media spotlight (tagged)
- Program recognition

\$2,500 – Jockey Club Sponsor

- Logo on event signage and website
- Name listed in event program
- Recognition in Gala slideshow
- 2 Gala tickets – or upgrade to a table for 10 guests for an additional \$1,000 (total: \$3,500)

Secure Tickets and Sponsorships at <https://givebutter.com/UCtyW4!>

Thank you for your consideration and support! Together, we can make a difference for Alaskans!

No goods or services will be provided in consideration, in whole or in part, for this contribution.
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2026 Gala for Hope Sponsorship & Donation Form

Donor Name For Recognition:

Contact Name:

Contact Phone:

Contact Address:

Select all that apply:

- I would like to be a 2026 Sponsor
- \$15,000 - Triple Crown \$10,000 - Winner's Circle Other \$ _____
- \$5,000 - Run for the Roses \$2,500 - Jockey Club
- I would like to purchase a table (10 seats) for \$1,800
- I would like donate an item

Item:

Value:

Item Details

Delivery Method (select one):

- Physical Item: I will drop off the item no later that April 1, 2026
- Non- Physical Item: I will coordinate transfer of donation to successful bidder within 7 days of event
*** If any reserve is collected it will be paid WHEN the donor and successful bidder coordinate the event/date of delivery ***

Please complete both the following to items ASAP to participate in event marketing:

- Logo: Please email a high-resolution version of your logo to Dar Walden at CWHOH@DarWalden.com
- Photos: Please email photos of the donated item for our program to Dar Walden at CWHOH@DarWalden.com

Signature:

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