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NEED A NEW PURSE? MAYBE TWO? YOU'RE IN LUCK!

(HERMANN, Mo.) – The much anticipated fourth annual Hope with Hoses and Handbags party will be held Thursday, February 21, 2019 beginning at 5 p.m. at Hermann Hill Village in Hermann, MO. Just Call Me Ray and the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hermann Volunteer Fire Department hosts Hope with Hoses & Handbags fundraiser to raise money to provide awareness of the dangers associated with breast implants, help people rise up through their cancer battles and purchase life-saving equipment for the Hermann fire department.

"As our volunteer fire department continues to grow, so does the need for new equipment. The Hermann Fire Department consists of volunteers; which means it is not supported by district taxes but rather on dues and donations," says Lisa Schulte, member of the Ladies Auxiliary. "Teaming up with Just Call Me Ray for the Hope with Hoses and Handbags event has been great and it's now one of our largest annual fundraisers. This year's funds will be earmarked for replacing dated turnout gear which can cost more than \$2,200 per fireman for the coat and pants."

Hope with Hoses and Handbags is a one-of-a-kind event that will feature more than 90 donated, high-end and designer purses. These handbags will be showcased on live and silent auctions plus on several raffles. In the last three years, the group has raised \$9,750 that benefited the Hermann community and beyond.

"We are making a difference in people's lives," proclaims Raylene Hollrah, the founder of Just Call Me Ray. "Hope with Hoses and Handbags is a priceless ladies night out, where we join together to have fun, raise money and also celebrate survivorship and honor the lives of those who lost their battle with cancer."

Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased online at <u>justcallmeray.org/events</u>. Tickets are \$30 per person; seating is limited to 150 people. Tickets also include heavy appetizers, beer and wine. Proceeds of the event will go to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Hermann Volunteer Fire Department and the Just Call Me Ray organization.

To learn more about Hope with Hoses and Handbags visit <u>justcallmeray.org</u> or email <u>events@justcallmeray.org</u>. Just Call Me Ray has also created a Facebook event page which will keep everyone up-to-date on the details of the event.

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