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Place of Hope names 2016 Angel of Hope



Place of Hope at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus will honor Deborah Gaslow at this year's Garden Party Angel Moms' Brunch and Benefit.

Gaslow will be named the Angel of Hope at the April 21 event. She is an active Angel Mom, chair of American Heritage, The National Society Daughters of The American Revolution, NY, NY, and a member of both Impact 100 and Best Foot Forward.

She was recognized at the Angel Moms' Founder's Day Awards Luncheon for the difference her volunteer support has made in the lives of foster children and youth who have aged out of foster care on the Boca Raton campus.

"Deborah embodies all the things we ask our Angel Moms to be," said Lisa McDulin, director of Advancement at Place of Hope at The Leighan and David Rinker Campus. "She volunteers, spends time here on campus and mentors the girls."

Gaslow was the oldest girl of six siblings who shared the home with abusive and neglectful parents. She was placed in a foster home at age 12. By age 16, she was living on her own while working and going to school. She understands the deep insecurities that kids coming from foster care can have and shares her story openly with the girls she mentors to give them hope.

"Doing this work is a gift to me. It's like going back in time and hugging that 8-year-old girl on the swingset and saying 'it's not your fault, don't feel bad, and it's going to be OK,'" Gaslow said.