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Sandra Lee from Food Network to visit Findlay

FINDLAY, Ohio (01/30/08) – After careful consideration, the board, staff and volunteers at Open Arms have decided to retire the Beyond Birdhouses Auction and move to something new.

“There are many local auction fundraisers and income for our Birdhouse Event has been stagnating over the last few years,” said Beth Meeks, Open Arms Executive Director. “Open Arms is excited to have a new event that will be fun, but can raise awareness about abuse at the same time.”

This year Open Arms will be presenting Sandra Lee, Food Network Chef, sponsored by Great Scot Community Markets on Thursday, April 24, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the University of Findlay Koehler Center. Sandra Lee, host of Semi-Homemade Cooking with Sandra Lee, will have a cooking demonstration and share her story of how she went from being raised in an abusive home, living on food stamps, to becoming a celebrity chef and star of her own TV show.

More information about this event will be coming soon. Tickets and event sponsorship information is available by contacting Open Arms at 419-420-9261.

Open Arms Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis services is a nonprofit agency supported in part by the Hancock County United Way. Open Arms provides six program services to those living and working in the greater Hancock County community. The six programs include Rape Crisis Services, Child Advocacy, Violence Recovery Project, Outreach Services, the Harmony House Visitation & Exchange program, and Emergency Shelter Services. The 24-hour Crisis Hotline is 419-422-4766.

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