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ACADEMY AWARD WINNING ACTRESS PATTY DUKE CELEBRATES HOPE & RECOVERY AT A LUNCHEON WITH EAST HOUSE

**Luncheon will feature original Albert Paley lamp among many other
unique silent auction items**

ROCHESTER, NY (August 29, 2011): On Wednesday, September 28, East House's "Celebration of Hope and Recovery," will feature Academy Award winning actress and mental health activist **Patty Duke**. The luncheon, now celebrating its third year, is an initiative to underscore the efforts of those afflicted with mental illness and/or chemical dependency issues to live satisfying and productive lives. Ms. Duke will share her story as a successful, working actress while living with bi-polar disorder at the luncheon which will be held at the Double Tree Hotel, at 1111 Jefferson Road.

Anna "Patty" Duke won hearts in her 1962 Academy Award winning performance of Helen Keller in *The Miracle Worker*, and has continued her career in television, film, and stage for over forty years. Outside of acting, Ms. Duke wrote two books, "Call Me Anna" and "A Brilliant Madness," which explore the author's experiences with bi-polar disorder including the most effective treatments and the challenges of living with a mental illness. As a mental health advocate, Ms. Duke appeared before Congress to appeal for research funding related to mental illness. She received the Lionel Aldridge Award from the National Alliance for Mental Illness (NAMI) for her diligent work to erase the stigma associated with mental illness.

In addition to Ms. Duke, we will host a silent auction at the luncheon which will feature an original lamp made by world renowned metal sculptor, Albert Paley, and an original David Cowles painting, among many other unique items.

Luncheon reservations are \$50.00 per person. All proceeds will benefit East House's mission to assist those in need throughout the Rochester area. The luncheon will begin at 11:30am at the Double tree Hotel, 111 Jefferson Road. For reservations, visit www.easthouse.org or call 585.256.3800.

East House is a private, non-profit rehabilitation agency. Since it began in 1966, East House serves over 1,000 clients and families per year providing residential, support and rehabilitation services to individuals recovering from mental illness and chemical dependency. With programs like *Home to Stay*, which assists homeless persons suffering from mental illness with housing and support services to get them off the streets. Or *Child's Play* fund which provides children, who have a parent in recovery, the opportunity to go to camp or pursue other extracurricular activities. Or our Career Services programs that help over 200 people per year retrain and rejoin the Rochester workforce. East House is funded by New York State, Monroe County, United Way, client fees and donations. For more information, contact Sarah O'Brien at 256-3800, ext. 233.

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