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**Best-Selling Author Ellen Hopkins
to speak at East House Event**

“The Monster is what they called their crystal; we learned about it in school...what they didn’t say is how the Monster chews up families,” wrote Ellen Hopkins, in her verse novel, *Fallout*.

The New York Times best-selling author of *Crank*, *Burned*, *Impulse*, *Glass and Identical*, has written more than 30 books. Her 2002 verse novel, *Crank* is first in a trilogy that, along with *Glass* and *Fallout*, explores the horrible influence of drug abuse and addiction. The fictional trilogy is based on Hopkins’ own daughter’s addiction to Methamphetamine.

Hopkins will present a lecture May 13th, 2011, at an event sponsored by East House. Her presentation will include reflections on the author’s experience with her own daughter’s addiction and its effect on their family. The lecture will take place at the Rochester Academy of Medicine at 1440 East Avenue on May 13th at 1:00 p.m. Reservations are \$10 per person and include the lecture and a reception and book signings with the author following the lecture.

Founded in 1966, East House is a private, non-profit rehabilitation agency that provides residential, rehabilitation and support services to individuals recovering from mental illness and chemical dependency. East House serves more than 1,000 clients and their families each year and is funded by New York State, Monroe County, United Way, client fees and donations. For tickets or more information, contact us at **(585) 256-3800, ext. 231; or visit our website at www.easthouse.org.**