



Hi Everyone:

I know you will be wondering how the Fundraiser with Paul Brandt went.

What can I say? It certainly was an evening to remember! It was so awesome to see the crowd of 400 people who attended. There was such an atmosphere of joy and excitement. Friends were there from many parts of my life journey. Two people I have known since 1957 were there! Many came to say hello with big smiles and sparkling eyes. Their joy was a big encouragement to me.

The songs by Paul and his wife Liz were such a treat to listen to. It was an honour to have this amazing opportunity with them. We are so grateful! For me, the song RISK resonated in a special way..I have been listening to it over and over again and continue to be inspired by this song that is so much from my heart. Wouldn't it be great to be able to write a song that expresses exactly what is in your heart and then passionately sing it out? Isn't it good that someone else can do that and we can just listen and exclaim, "That's it exactly!"

The auction was a lot of fun. The guys who were in charge did a great job and it was incredible to see people happily part with their moneyand it was all for Place of Rescue! Many items were donated for the silent auction and public auction. The BIG one was a catered dinner and private concert by Paul Brandt for four people and of course that brought us the biggest chunk.

Place of Rescue will receive nearly \$100,000 which is designated for our transition house and an education fund for the children when they complete high school.

I am still unpacking all the good emotions stored up in my heart and mind. As I have thought about this evening and all that happened the Lord has been saying some very special significant things to me. The future for Place of Rescue and for me looks very bright and exciting. How can I even begin to thank the Lord adequately for all He has done and for the amazing surprises around every corner!

I am grateful to each of you for your love, encouragement and prayers.

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