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**Patty Duke to be Guest Speaker**  
**at East House**  
**Hope & Recovery Celebration**

The third annual East House community lecture and luncheon, a “Celebration of Hope and Recovery,” will feature academy award-winning actress and mental health activist **Patty Duke** as guest speaker. Ms. Duke will visit Rochester to share her story as a successful, working actress while living with bi-polar disorder. The event will take place on September 28th at the Double Tree Hotel, at 1111 Jefferson Road.

Ms. Duke, who won hearts as a teenager on *the Patty Duke Show* and went on to star in several film and stage productions, has also written two books, “Call Me Anna,” and “A Brilliant Madness.” Both books explore the author’s experience with bi-polar disorder; the most effective treatments, and her insight into the challenges of living with a mental illness.

East House, now celebrating 45 years, provides rehabilitative and residential services to more than 1000 people recovering from mental illness and substance abuse. The luncheon is part of East House’s endeavor to help people with these illnesses to live more satisfying and productive lives.

“We are very excited to have Ms. Duke share her time and experience with the Rochester community,” said Heather Keys, chairperson of the event. “We feel that her presence at the luncheon will help remove the social stigma of mental illness, and send a message that hope and recovery is possible.”

This special event will take place at the Doubletree Hotel in Rochester, New York on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 11:30 a.m. Luncheon reservations are \$50.00 per person. All proceeds will benefit East House and its mission to assist those in need throughout the Rochester area. For more information, please contact Anne McKenna at **(585) 256-3800, ext. 231**.

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