

Celebrating International Women's Day 2019 in ATX
Austin Women Working together to Help Women Worldwide Succeed

Austin, TX. - In honor of International Women's Day 2019, two of Austin's most successful women are combining their creative talents to help women who are facing hardships in developing countries. Master photographer, Gray Hawn, and restaurateur, Jennifer McNevin of Manuel's Restaurant, are raising funds for the *Finding Freedom through Friendship* organization which helps single mothers and widows in Guatemala and Egypt. Jennifer McNevin states, "Thousands of mothers spend every waking moment struggling to overcome the most difficult of circumstances just to care for and feed their children and themselves. Our fundraising efforts make it possible for these women not only to survive but to thrive by helping to build homes, provide healthy, nutritional food, clean water, and educational opportunities."

"As we celebrate International Women's Day, I am honored that an exhibit of my work entitled, **Romancing Light** will raise funds for women **in the Middle East and in Central America** who would otherwise suffer in silence and isolation," says Gray Hawn. Hawn is donating 25% of the proceeds from the sale of pieces in her exhibit to the *Finding Freedom Through Friendship* organization.

Jennifer McNevin and Gray Hawn invite everyone (you) to
Celebrate International Women's Day

Friday, March 8, 2019
11am - 10pm

Manuel's Restaurant, 310 Congress Ave, Austin, TX

(Special Media Availability at 10 am)

About *Finding Freedom Through Friendship*

The organization's three major goals are to improve the health of the participants through nutrition, **vitamins, and basic healthcare**; break the yoke of poverty by providing education to children, and improve the family's quality of life through sustainable structures of housing **and furniture** and microloans.