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**Event to raise awareness and funds
for girls aging out of the foster care system**

Rockin' for Janie to help expand services in Massachusetts

BOSTON, Mass. (Sept. 10, 2019) – Rockin' for Janie, a night of hope and healing, is a Youth Villages Massachusetts event in partnership with Steven Tyler's Janie's Fund, a philanthropic initiative created with Youth Villages to bring hope and healing to girls who have suffered the trauma of abuse and neglect.

Featuring a '90s-theme, the event will be held Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Hard Rock Cafe, located at 22 Clinton St. in Boston. The night will include live music by Last Child, heavy appetizers and an open bar.

Money raised during the event will help support YVLifeSet™, an evidence-informed program to assist young adults ages 17 to 22 who need intensive help as they transition to independent adulthood.

Since 2016, Janie's Fund has contributed more than \$400,000 to support young women in Youth Villages Massachusetts' YVLifeSet program. All money raised at Rockin' for Janie will help even more young women achieve independent adulthood.

"Making the transition to adulthood is a particularly trying time for young people progressing out of the foster care system," said Matt Stone, executive director of Youth Villages Massachusetts and New Hampshire. "Partnering with Janie's Fund allows us to further expand our services and increase our impact in the lives of young women in Massachusetts who need our help."

Ticket and sponsorship information is available online at www.youthvillages.org/rockin-for-janie.

About Youth Villages

Youth Villages is a national leader in children's mental and behavioral health. Annually, the organization serves tens of thousands of children, families and young people across the U.S. Youth Villages' continuum of programs includes intensive in-home services; foster care and adoption; residential and intensive residential treatment campuses; YVLifeSet for transition-age youth; mentoring; and crisis services. The organization has been recognized by the Harvard Business School and U.S. News & World Report, and was identified by The White House as one of the nation's most promising results-oriented nonprofit organizations. Learn more at YouthVillages.org.

About Janie's Fund

Janie's Fund is a philanthropic initiative created by Steven Tyler in partnership with one of America's most effective nonprofits, Youth Villages. Named after Aerosmith's 1989 hit, "Janie's Got a Gun," which tells the story of a young girl who was abused by her father, Janie's Fund provides hope and healing for many of our country's most vulnerable girls who have survived the trauma of abuse and neglect. Through Janie's Fund, Tyler is using his big voice to give a voice to thousands of victims who haven't had one. For more information, visit JaniesFund.org.

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