

# Rising Hope Marks 20 Years of Raising Hopes



Christian writer and founder and editor of Sojourners magazine Jim Wallis, left, with Rev. Dr. Keary Kincannon.



In photo left, Sharon Emery who helped organize the silent and live auction, thanked supporters. Above, guests enjoyed a buffet dinner.

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Margaret Fano spoke of how rewarding it is to be a volunteer at Rising Hope.



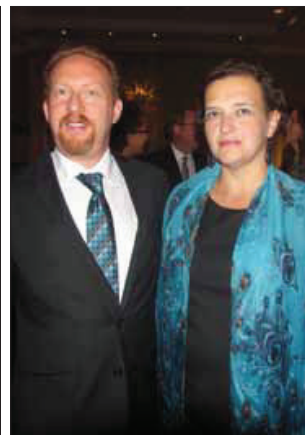
Dale Turner, standing, has been a member of Rising Hope for 18 years. With her are Desire Christian, right, and Pamela Spears.



Laura Derby, second from left, with friends, was recognized by Rev. Kincannon for her long-time support of Rising Hope.



Rev. Dr. Dale Weatherspoon, a former Rising Hope intern, traveled from California to attend the gala.



Rising Hope United Methodist Mission Church celebrated its 20th Anniversary of serving the homeless on the Richmond Highway corridor Friday night at its Hope Grows Gala at the Waterford at Springfield. Rev. Keary Kincannon started Rising Hope, now located at 8220 Russell Road, with the mission of starting a new congregation among the poor and disenfranchised along the corridor. More information is available at [risinghopeumc.org](http://risinghopeumc.org). The Mount Vernon Voice was proud to be a gala media sponsor.

Above left, state Sen. Adam Ebbin (D-30th), left, with Del. Scott Surovell (D-44th); school board candidate Anthony Stacy and his wife, Deanna; candidate for the 43rd District House of Delegates seat Anna Urman and her husband, Ron; Eric and Valerie Wohlleben, left, with John and Adrienne Taylor Magnuson.