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**Rescue Pit to host fundraising gala to celebrate  
first year serving Rochester's animal community**

ROCHESTER, NY - Rescue Pit, Rochester's newest 501(c)(3) pit bull specific rescue, invites you to join them as they celebrate their first anniversary with a fundraiser gala on Saturday, January 23, 2016 at the Tango Cafe, located in the historic Jonathan Child House.

The event begins at 6 PM and will include a buffet dinner (with vegan entrée options), cash bar, dancing, silent auction and raffles. In addition, Rescue Pit founders Stephen DeVay and John Cicolella will provide a review of the organization's first year of operation, celebrate its work, and make some exciting announcements about plans for 2016.

During its first year of operation, Rescue Pit has built partnerships with both Rochester Animal Services and Lollypop Farm and saved the lives of eight pit bulls in the area by placing them in foster, and then forever, homes. They've also worked with more than 70 dog owners in the Rochester area to help them keep their dogs in their homes by offering training options and education about this often misunderstood breed. The Rescue Pit Gala is an opportunity to raise the funds necessary to continue the rescue's mission to foster homeless dogs, educate the public, and increase general awareness about pit bulls, and also execute the organization's first large scale community outreach event in 2016.

Tickets for the event are \$60 and must be purchased online ([www.rpgala2016.eventbrite.com](http://www.rpgala2016.eventbrite.com)). The Tango Cafe, located in the historic Jonathan Child House, is located at 35 S. Washington Street, Rochester, NY. For more information about Rescue Pit, or to make a tax-deductible donation, visit their website [www.rescuepit.org](http://www.rescuepit.org).

**About Rescue Pit, Inc.**

Rescue Pit was incorporated in November 2014, and officially launched in January 2015. They are a foster-based rescue focused on serving the pit bulls and pit bull owners of Rochester, NY. Rescue Pit is committed to saving lives by creating a network of pit bull advocates who foster homeless dogs, educate the public, and increase general awareness of the breed. To learn more visit them at [rescuepit.org](http://rescuepit.org) or like them at [facebook.com/rescuepit](https://facebook.com/rescuepit).

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