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Monday, November 2nd, 2026

11:30 AM–1:00 PM

Community Choice Convention Center

INSPIRED is the signature fundraiser for the Chrysalis Foundation. For over 20 years, 100% of event proceeds have brought after-school and mentoring programs, safety and stabilization services, education and economic empowerment to thousands of girls and women each year.

FEATURED SPEAKER

Lynsey Addario

Award-Winning

American Photojournalist

“Journalists dedicate their lives to covering war—they make many personal sacrifices, and it’s not something that’s gender-based. In a place where there’s heavy fighting, it doesn’t matter if you’re a man or a woman.”

About the Chrysalis Foundation

For over 35 years, the Chrysalis Foundation has worked to ensure that girls and women have the resources, support, and opportunities they need to be successful and independent. We focus on Polk, Warren, and Dallas Counties.

The Chrysalis mission is to transform the lives of girls and women through education and leadership, community engagement, and grant investments. We do this in partnership with agencies and services through grants, community education, and donor support.

As a public charity, all Chrysalis operating expenses are funded by a permanent endowment, allowing **100% of community support to be invested** in community agencies and organizations serving the needs and concerns of girls and women. Community support provides funding for the following programs:

Community Grants

Annually awarding operating and emergency funds along with support, training, and professional development to local nonprofits aligned with the Chrysalis mission.

Chrysalis After-School

Serving up to 600 girls and young women grades 5-8 in over 30 local schools. There is no charge to participate in Chrysalis After-School, which has operated since 1998.

GirlPower Peer Mentoring

Training, coaching, and leadership development for high school and college age young women who mentor younger girls in Chrysalis After-School programs.

Chrysalis Scholarships

Ensures post-secondary education for young women who have participated in Chrysalis After-School programs; 204 scholarships have been awarded since 2014.

Chrysalis offers additional opportunities to learn, network, and advocate for girls and women through the Women’s Alliance, a coalition of grant partners, stakeholders, and nonprofit organizations collaborating with Chrysalis on common issues, education, and advocacy.

2026 Sponsorship Opportunities

Each year, more than 500 leaders from corporate, public, and private sectors gather alongside donors, volunteers, and friends of Chrysalis for this signature event. Sponsorship offers prominent, high-visibility recognition among an influential audience, positioning your organization alongside a powerful legacy of leadership and community impact.

PRESENTING SPONSOR | \$10,000

- Exclusive Naming Recognition for 2026 event
- 16 tickets (two tables) with premier seating for event
- Opportunity to speak from the stage at the event
- Social media profile posting prior to event
- Recognition across print, signage, website, and online publications promoting the event



INSPIRED SPONSOR | \$5,000

- 8 tickets (one table) with premier seating for event
- Social media profile posting prior to event
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GOLD SPONSOR | \$2,500

- 8 tickets (one table) for event
- Social media profile posting prior to event
- Recognition across print, signage, website, and online publications promoting the event

SILVER SPONSOR | \$1,000

- 8 tickets (one table) for event
- Recognition in event materials including signage

BRONZE SPONSOR | \$500

- 4 tickets for luncheon event
- Recognition in event materials including signage

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

- \$100 per person
- \$60 per young professional (35 and under)
- \$40 per student/sponsor a student

About Our Speaker



Lynsey Addario is an American photojournalist who has been covering conflict, humanitarian crises, and women's issues in the Middle East and Africa for The Atlantic, The New York Times, and National Geographic for more than two decades.

Since September 11, 2001, Addario has covered conflicts in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Lebanon, Darfur, South Sudan, Somalia, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen, Syria, and ongoing war in Ukraine. In 2015, American Photo Magazine named her one of the most influential photographers of the past 25 years, noting that she changed how we see the world's conflicts.

Addario is the recipient of numerous awards, including a MacArthur Fellowship, and was part of a New York Times team to win two Pulitzer Prizes for Overseas Reporting from Ukraine and Pakistan. She was a Pulitzer finalist for Feature Photography in 2026 for her photo essay about a young Ukrainian girl with a rare eye cancer whose treatment was disrupted by war. She was also a finalist in Breaking News Photography for her 2023 image of a family killed along the "safe passage" evacuation route at the Irpin Bridge.

In 2015, Addario wrote a New York Times best-selling memoir, "It's What I Do," chronicling her personal and professional life as a photojournalist coming of age in the post-9/11 world. In 2018, she released her first solo collection of photography, "Of Love and War," published by Penguin Press. Addario's life was recently the subject of *Love+War*, a feature film by Oscar-winning directors Jimmy Chin and Chai Vasarhelyi.

Chrysalis is honored to host Lynsey Addario as she shares why she risks her life to expose the truth, her dramatic personal experiences, and how she strikes a balance between her personal and professional life.

Find examples of her work at lynseyaddario.com