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**New York Times Bestselling Author, Syndicated Columnist Amy Dickinson
To Speak at Houston Hospice 17th Annual Butterfly Luncheon on April 4**

What would Amy do? A typical question posed to Amy Dickinson in her popular “Ask Amy” column which offers readers her take on a variety of topics, from finance, health, legal, to sex and manners. Guests of Houston Hospice’s 17th Annual Butterfly Luncheon on April 4, 2018 will hear and meet Dickinson as featured speaker and for book signing copies of her memoir, *Strangers Tend to Tell Me Things*, at the Butterfly Luncheon at The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa.

Dickinson is author of the New York Times bestselling memoir, *The Mighty Queens of Freeville: A Story of Surprising Second Chances*, a chronicle of her experiences and misadventures as a single mother to her daughter, Emily. The book shares her journey of family, second chances and finding love.

She writes the syndicated advice column, “Ask Amy,” which is carried in over 150 newspapers and read by an estimated 22 million readers daily. Dickinson is known not only for her wisdom but her wit. Since 2006, she has been a featured panelist on National Public Radio’s comedy quiz show, “Wait Wait, Don’t Tell Me.” She is also a sought-after speaker, delivering inspiring and comic stories of her adventures and misadventures to groups around the country.

Dickinson was born and raised on a dairy farm in tiny Freeville, New York, (pop. 454) on land her family has lived on since the Revolutionary War. She is a graduate of Georgetown University. After living in New York, London, Washington DC and Chicago, she moved back to her hometown, married a local contractor she had known since childhood, and is now mother to five daughters.

Houston Hospice is honored to have Elizabeth and Anthony DeLuca serve as chairmen of this year’s Butterfly Luncheon.

“Anthony and I are so committed to helping Houston Hospice because we know firsthand how important they are to families during a most difficult time,” said Elizabeth DeLuca. “Just 20 months ago, we lost our Caroline, at age 18. Caroline was in the Butterfly Program at Houston Hospice for over a year.”

“Each year, our family selects a special charity to do something with in Caroline’s honor. For 2018, we have selected Houston Hospice,” said DeLuca.

Houston Hospice Vice President of Development and External Affairs, Cynthia Nordt said, “Every year, the best partners from our community make the Butterfly Luncheon a highly anticipated event. This year is no exception with our chairs Elizabeth and Anthony who embody Houston’s spirit of philanthropy, caring and compassion. We are also delighted to host Amy Dickinson. Her books and column share a source of wisdom, from everyday, joyous to unique and difficult experiences in which people from any walk of life can relate.”

On behalf of Luncheon Chairmen, Elizabeth and Anthony DeLuca, the community is warmly invited to attend the Butterfly Luncheon and hear Amy Dickinson, Wednesday, April 4, 2018 at the [The Houstonian Hotel, Club & Spa](https://www.houstonhospice.org) located at 111 North Post Oak Lane, Houston, Texas 77024. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. Individual tickets and table sponsorships are available at www.houstonhospice.org or by calling 713-677-7123.

Proceeds from the luncheon help fund Houston Hospice operations and its Butterfly Program of pediatric hospice care. Through this program, children and their families are teamed with physicians, nurses, social workers, chaplains, hospice aides and volunteers with expertise in children's care.

About Houston Hospice: Nonprofit Houston Hospice was founded in 1980 and has grown from an alternative, grass roots concept to a leader in hospice care for people of all ages and walks of life. Care is provided to patients and families in private homes and in residential facilities throughout Austin, Brazoria, Colorado, Fort Bend, Harris, Jackson, Matagorda, Montgomery, Waller and Wharton Counties. Inpatient care is provided through the Margaret Cullen Marshall Hospice Care Center located in the [Texas Medical Center](#).

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