

David Lawrence Center honors leaders in the local recovery community

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The David Lawrence Center joined the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration and other voices of recovery across the nation in observing the 28th annual National Recovery Month in September. The theme for 2017, "Join the Voices for Recovery: Strengthen Families and Communities," inspires people to be socially inclusive and offer support to those with mental and/or substance use disorders, to seek help themselves when needed and to lend a hand and contribute to their community as citizens, parents, employees, students, volunteers and leaders.

Hurricane Irma, however, forced the postponement of DLC's annual awards ceremony honoring leaders in the local recovery community. The rescheduled event takes place at 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2, at the New Hope Community Center at 7676 Davis Blvd. in Naples.

The program will honor the following individuals and organizations for sharing their voices to advocate, educate, mentor and help others in need of mental health and addiction recovery services:

■ Heather Wesling, Recovery Community Volunteer - Ms. Wesling regularly volunteers her time bringing 12-step meetings to DLC's Crossroads Detox program, participates in recovery meetings at the Crossroads residential treatment program and sponsors women graduating the program. As a volunteer leader with Alcoholics Anonymous, she also brings 12-step meetings to the local jails and sponsors many women in recovery.



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■ Coach Nino Magaddino, Holistic Treatment Partner - Coach Magaddino and his Max Flex Fitness has been a treatment partner with DLC since 2015. He and his trainers bring six weekly fitness and wellness classes to adults in the Crossroads residential treatment program and to children and adults in the center's inpatient Crisis Stabilization Unit. In addition to helping hundreds of clients begin to



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wrong hands and contaminating our environment. As a result of her efforts, Collier County has effectively disposed of more than 13 tons of unwanted medication at 11 permanent drop box locations.

■ Bill Barnett, Holistic Treatment Volunteer - Mr. Barnett is the founder and executive director of Storytellers Creative Arts, which transforms lives through faith-based arts outreach, com-



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ing the needs of the Hispanic population and advocating for economic diversity and the responsible management of the county's growth, which includes being adequately prepared for the future mental health and substance abuse needs of our community. This year, he held a public health forum to start a conversation for identifying and addressing what is needed to get a better handle on the growing mental health and substance abuse crisis in our community. As a result, his fellow commissioners have committed to developing the first-ever strategic plan for Collier County mental health.



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About the event

DLC's Recover Month awards evening includes education and awareness community partner tables during the reception, entertainment, dinner, a raffle and the awards presentation. Sponsors to date include the David Lawrence Center Alumni Association, St. Matthew's House, Hazelden Betty Ford, Genoa and Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida.

Sponsorships and donations help ensure the event is able to remain free to attend. Donations are appreciated and will be accepted at the event or in advance by calling 354-1434 or donating online at www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

To make a reservation, visit the website or email the names of your guests to Sue Weber at SueW@dclmhc.com.

Each year, DLC helps create life-changing wellness for more than 9,000 people through more than 220,000 treatment sessions. For more information about programs and services, call 455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.



understand the importance of fitness for maintaining positive life-changing wellness, he provides fundraising and volunteer support to DLC.

■ Veora Little, Youth Prevention Volunteer - A retired certified registered nurse anesthetist, Ms. Little has served as the volunteer coordinator for Drug Free Collier's Operation Medicine Cabinet, working tirelessly to keep harmful pills from falling into the



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community groups and equipping artists to impact culture. He manages more than 60 volunteers who teach art and music therapy to hundreds of men, women and children who are disadvantaged, homeless, disabled, visually impaired and in recovery. He coordinates a weekly volunteer art therapy class at DLC's Crossroads residential treatment program and is a strong advocate for the healing, holistic effects of the arts.

■ Andy Solis, Mental Health Champion - In addition to serving a vice chair of the Collier County Commission, Mr. Solis is a director with the law firm of Cohen & Grigsby. His community involvement and advocacy efforts include champion-



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