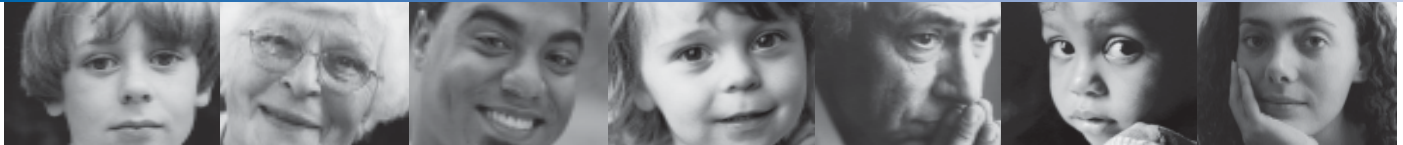


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The Newsletter of David Lawrence Center & Foundation

BUSINESS PARTNERSHIPS A WIN-WIN



Lisa Merritt

Business partnerships play an essential role in fundraising success. Whether it is through sponsoring events, hosting or attending fundraisers, or serving on our board the business community's involvement significantly impacts our bottom line.

This fall, The Real Seafood Company partnered with DLF to host the launch of their new cookbook authored by Corporate Executive Chef Simon Pesusch. A fabulous evening of food, networking and fundraising delivered rewards for both organizations. The Foundation received a \$1,500 donation from the evening's proceeds and The Real Seafood Company showcased their culinary delights to a new audience of our supporters. We greatly appreciate relationships like these and encourage others to become more involved with our organization. To find out how your business can partner with us, call the Foundation at 354-1434.



FOUNDATION CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF SUPPORT FOR DLC

It was a remarkable 30 years ago this month when a small group of dedicated community leaders, led by founder Polly Keller, had a vision of developing a separate Foundation charged with the monumental task of raising the funds needed to operate and grow a leading mental health and substance abuse treatment facility that could sustain itself without needing to rely on unpredictable government funding. This group and the hundreds of devoted and enthusiastic board members who followed set out to do just that.

Through their leadership and guidance, the accomplishments over the last 30 years have been great – new facilities, new programs and more and more people being helped each year. As we ring in 2006, the Foundation has launched a yearlong 30th Anniversary Celebration to acknowledge and show

appreciation for these amazing accomplishments.

In November, the festivities began with a donor appreciation reception where guests enjoyed the remarkably moving Fine Line: Mental Health – Mental Illness photography exhibit whose poignant message further demonstrated the importance of the Center's work.

As the year progresses, the board will continue the celebration with a series of community open houses. Visitors will be invited to tour the Center for a rare look inside the daily operations. Tours will end with a meet and greet where guests can ask questions and learn more about the work of David Lawrence Center and the Foundation.

Stay tuned for more 30th Anniversary news and events.



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Issues and Answers: **HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH ANXIETY**

Whether tragic events touch your family personally or are brought into your home via newspapers and television, you can help children cope with the anxiety that violence, death and disasters can cause.

Parents and other caregivers can:

Encourage children to ask questions. Listen to what they say. Provide comfort and assurance that address their specific fears. It's okay to admit you can't answer all of their questions.

Talk on their level. Communicate with your children in a way they can understand. Don't get too technical or complicated.

Be honest. Tell them exactly what has happened. For example, don't say that someone who has died has "gone to sleep." Children may become afraid of going to bed.

Find out what frightens them. Encourage your children to talk about fears they may have. They may worry that someone will harm them at school or that someone will try to hurt you.



Focus on the positive. Reinforce the fact that most people are kind and caring. Remind your child of the heroic actions taken by ordinary people to help victims of tragedy.

Pay attention. Your children's play and drawings may give you a glimpse into their questions or concerns. Ask them to tell you what is going on in the game or the picture. It's an opportunity to clarify any misconceptions, answer questions and give reassurance.

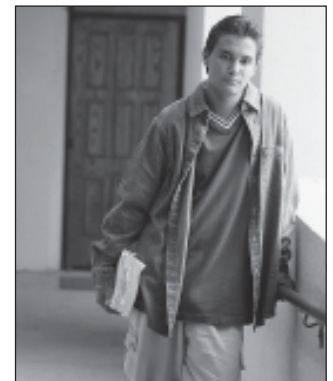
Develop a plan. Establish a family emergency plan for the future, such as a meeting place where everyone should gather if something unexpected happens in your family or neighborhood. It can help you and your child feel safer.

If you are concerned about your child's reaction to stress or trauma, call David Lawrence Center at 455-8500.

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Center Update: **DLC LENDS MENTAL HEALTH EXPERTISE TO ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL**

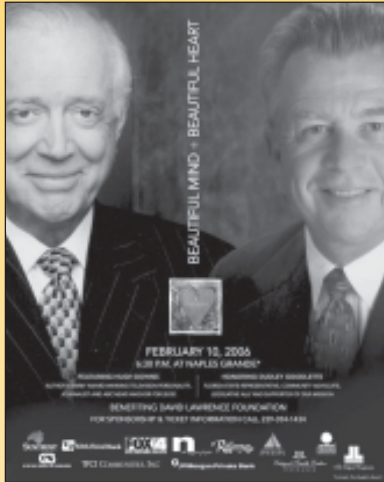
DLC has partnered with the Collier County Public Schools System to provide brief mental health intervention services to the children in our community who need it most. DLC is now providing onsite mental health counseling for children at the Phoenix School, an alternative school for high school age youth with behavioral issues such as drug use, verbal and physical aggression and truancy. This service is being provided as an outreach function of the new Juvenile Assessment Center, however, DLC would like to expand this initiative to develop a full time intensive day treatment program exclusively for at risk and troubled children.



Special Events: BEAUTIFUL MIND - BEAUTIFUL HEART

Planning is in full swing for our signature fundraiser Beautiful Mind – Beautiful Heart featuring keynote speaker Hugh Downs and honoring J. Dudley Goodlette. Event chairman Jaynie Whitcomb and her committee are hard at work securing sponsorships and fabulous auction items which include a flat screen TV, piano and a chef's table for 10 at the Naples Grande Resort and Club (formerly The Registry Resort) where the event is being held.

Our sponsors SunTrust Bank, Fox4 News, N Magazine, Relleum, Inc., WCI Communities, Architectural Network, Fifth Third Bank, JP Morgan Private Bank, The Lutgert Companies, Grant, Fridkin, Pearson, Athan & Crown, P.A., Suzanne and George Lorch, and Source Interlink invite you to join us on February 10, 2006 for this spectacular evening. Tickets are now on sale for \$400 per person or \$1,000 per patron.



Don't miss the feature article with Hugh Downs in this month's issue of N Magazine!

DAVID LAWRENCE CUP PRO-AM

Our annual golf tournament is back with a new name, the David Lawrence Cup Pro-Am. The action packed day is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, 2006 at the beautiful Arthur Hills course at Fiddler's Creek. The day begins at 10:30 a.m. with a golf clinic, putting contest and lunch before the shot gun start at 1:00 p.m. Teams consist of three amateurs and one professional. Tickets are \$525 per player and include two tickets to the poolside cocktail reception and awards dinner being held that evening at the elegant Caxambas restaurant. Don't miss your chance to be the first David Lawrence Cup Champion and sign your team up today.

Fiddler's Creek[®]
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Client Success Story: DETOX EASES FIRST STEP TO RECOVERY

For an addict, taking that critical first step to sobriety can be extremely scary due to painful withdrawal symptoms such as anxiety, irritability, nervousness, vomiting, diarrhea, insomnia, elevated blood pressure, tremors, seizures and hallucinations.

Heavy users like Chris, a resident of Pelican Bay who had a 20 year history of "using everything you can imagine," become maintenance drinkers - drinking daily, to avoid these terrifying withdrawal symptoms. He admits, "To avoid throwing up and shaking uncontrollable, I had to start each morning with 6 shots of vodka just so I could get out of bed."

DLC's detoxification program seeks to ease the side effects of withdrawal and clear the way to a healthy recovery. After being diagnosed with pancreatitis, a result of his chronic drinking, Chris decided he wanted to live but knew he physically wouldn't survive without the help of detoxification. He spent three days in our medically supervised program where he received compassionate treatment for his withdrawals and attended group therapy sessions and Alcoholics Anonymous meetings – a combination of treatment that he says helped him through a horrible time. He states, "The staff really took good care of me and made me feel like someone cared. Getting sober and getting my life back has been a wonderful experience."

Chris has been clean and sober for more than four months now and plans to stay that way. Today, he maintains a healthy lifestyle exercising regularly and staying active with his new girlfriend. He shares, "Sobriety is a lot better than dying. I have a life to live now."

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Immokalee, FL 34142
239.657.4434

Adult Substance Abuse Services

2806 South Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104
239.643.6101

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209-219 Airport Road South
239.261.5148

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239 Airport Road South
239.263.4013

Employee Assistance Services

Life Works of Naples

3400 Tamiami Trail North, Suite #204
Naples, FL 34103
239.435.0400/239.435.0202

Child's Path Preschool

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Naples, FL 34116
239.353.4144

Encore

28 10th Street South
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239.262.5558

3105 Davis Boulevard

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Juvenile Assessment Center

239.471.6277 (#2)
24/7 Juvenile Information Help Line
239.417.1966

Save the Date!

BEAUTIFUL MIND - BEAUTIFUL HEART

February 10, 2006

Naples Grande Resort & Club

DAVID LAWRENCE CUP PRO-AM

April 1, 2006

Fiddler's Creek

Encore Resale Shops:
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR SEASON



Devoted volunteers Duffy Holland and Laura Clark help prepare for the Annual Tent Sale.

With the busy season upon us, the Encore Resale Shops are in need of additional volunteers to help staff the stores. Volunteers help with a variety of duties, including answering phones, sales and administrative support.

Whether you are a senior with extra time on your hands or a teenager in need of community service hours for school, volunteering at Encore can be rewarding and fun. Our volunteers tell us their favorite reasons for lending their support include meeting new people, helping others and shopping at Encore

of course! If you are interested in volunteering, call the Encore managers, Lynn Bond at 775-0032 or Charlene Dailey at 262-5558. Join the Encore Team today!

Please welcome the following new volunteers: Gene Marx, June Pierce and Wynn Whalley.