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The Newsletter of David Lawrence Center & Foundation

NEW AD CAMPAIGN BRINGS AWARENESS



Lisa Merritt

This season, the Board Communications Committee has identified a great need for additional awareness about the Center's diverse programs and services and, as a result, has embarked on an exciting new identity advertising campaign.

Hopefully, many of you have already started seeing some of the ads which focus on children's services, substance abuse programs and the community based programs available for individuals with persistent mental illness. Although the Center enjoys a great reputation with more than 38 years of saving lives in Collier County, there are thousands of new people moving to the area each year. Educating them and reeducating longtime residents about the great needs of the Center is the goal of the campaign.

We also are producing a new video featuring several of our clients who will share their story of survival and hope.



SPONSORS AND DONORS COME OUT BIG FOR NEW SIGNATURE FUNDRAISER

The Foundation's new signature fundraiser delivered the Magic of Monte Carlo as donors wined and dined like royalty and tried their luck in the Club Casino Royale. The Foundation is overwhelmed by the generosity of all of our sponsors and supporters who made this exciting, new event a success.



Shirley and Dave Huber

Platinum Sponsors: JP Morgan, Relleum, Inc., SunTrust Bank, Premier Properties, Fifth Third Bank and Suzanne and George Lorch.



Guests tried their luck in the Club Casino Royale

Gold Sponsors: Barbara and James Burkett, Comerica Bank, Galliford-Mulard Foundation, Gulf Coast Construction/Q. Grady Minor & Associates, Barbara & Charles Krause, Carol and Dick Munro, M&I Bank, Vickie and Truly Nolen, Source Interlink, Elizabeth and Stanley Star, Robin and Pat Stranahan, Jenny and Kermit Sutton, and Maureen and Larry Tomchin.



Everyone enjoyed the sounds of the Power House Group

A special thank you to Bigham Jewelers, Jennings of Naples, and all of our VIP guests and silent auction donors.



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Editor Trista G. Meister

Issues and Answers:

TALKING TO KIDS ABOUT DRUGS & ALCOHOL

The issue of drugs and alcohol can be very confusing to young children. If drugs are so dangerous, then why is the family medicine cabinet full of them? And why do TV, movies, music and advertising often make drug and alcohol use look so cool?

We need to help our kids distinguish fact from fiction. And it's never too soon to begin. National studies show that the average age when a child first tries alcohol is 11; for marijuana, it's 12. And many kids start becoming curious about these substances even sooner.

Here are a few tips on how to talk to your kids about these tough issues:

- Listen carefully
- Role play how to say "no"
- Encourage choice
- Provide age-appropriate information
- Establish a clear family position on drugs
- Be a good example

- Discuss what makes a good friend
- Build self-esteem
- Offer lots of praise for any job well done
- If you need to criticize your child, talk about the action, not the person
- Assign do-able chores
- Spend one-on-one time with your youngster
- Say, "I love you."
- Repeat the message frequently

If you suspect your child has a problem, seek help.

If your child becomes withdrawn, loses weight, starts doing poorly in school, turns extremely moody, has glassy eyes - or if the drugs in your medicine cabinet seem to be disappearing too quickly - talk with your child. If you think he has a problem, call the David Lawrence Center at 455-8500 for an assessment. You'll be helping your youngster to a healthier, happier future.

Excerpted from www.talkingwithkids.org

Center Update:

NEW CHILDREN'S MEDICAL DIRECTOR HIRED



Brent Lovett, MD

The David Lawrence Center is very excited to announce the return of board certified, child adolescent and adult psychiatrist, Dr. Brent Lovett, to our expanding Medical Team. He will be serving as the new Children's Medical Director and will provide psychiatric services to Bridges, the children's residential psychiatric program, Outpatient Services and Life Works of Naples.

Dr. Lovett formerly worked in this capacity for over five years before leaving to work full-time in his own private practice. He has more than 16 years of experience in community mental health and will be a great asset to serving the psychiatric needs of children in our community.

Special Events:

THE REAL SEAFOOD COMPANY DAZZLES DONORS AT UNDER THE SEA

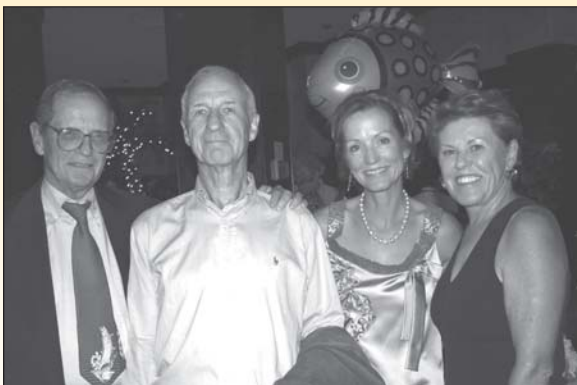
In October, The Real Seafood Company generously hosted Under the Sea, a benefit for the David Lawrence Foundation. More than 125 supporters dined on a delicious sampling of their menu items including sole, sushi, crab cakes and tenderloin as they mingled with mermaids and searched for clues on the DLC treasure map so they could enter to win the loot in our raffle. The event raised nearly \$5,000. Thank you to all who attended.



Polly Barton, Donna Brown & Beirne Brown



Lisa Merritt, Nancy Norris, Kate Henry & John Henry



Pat Stranaban, Richard Imes, Robin Stranaban & Maureen Imes



Client Success Story: ROUTINE CARE KEEPS CLIENT ALIVE

Ian had his first psychotic break in his early twenties. He describes having “extreme paranoia and tsunami like anger” triggered by strange, irrational thoughts that he can’t explain. Over time, he became extremely depressed and contemplated suicide more often than not. Eventually, he was taken to a State mental hospital where he was diagnosed with a persistent mental illness known as schizoaffective disorder.

Afterwards, he moved to Naples for a “fresh start” and was connected to the David Lawrence Center to help manage his chronic illness through our Community Services Department. A case manager helped Ian get on Social Security disability and connected him with Medical Services where he began receiving routine, life saving antipsychotic medications to help with his depression and manage the symptoms of his psychosis.

He qualified for our affordable housing program where he continues to receive supported living services and shares a house with several other Center clients. A rehabilitation specialist now monitors Ian several times a week ensuring he takes his medications, taking him to doctor’s appointments or grocery shopping, and helping him with budgeting.

Ian says, “David Lawrence Center saved my life. I know I would have been just another suicide statistic without their support.” He added, “The housing has meant a lot to my recovery because I don’t get so down about my illness since I live with other people who are just like me. We help each other out a lot.”

Ian’s success demonstrates that with the proper tools and ongoing support, people with persistent mental illness can live productive and fulfilled lives.

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239.455.8500

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Immokalee, FL 34142
239.657.4434

Substance Abuse Services

2806 South Horseshoe Drive
Naples, FL 34104
239.643.6101

Community Services

239 Airport Road South
239.263.4013

Employee Assistance Services

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

Life Works of Naples

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

Child's Path Preschool

3144 Santa Barbara Boulevard
Naples, FL 34116
239.353.4144

Encore

28 10th Street South
Naples, FL 34102
239.262.5558

3105 Davis Boulevard
Naples, FL 34104
239.775.0032

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

Juvenile Assessment Center

239.774.3927

24/7 Juvenile Information Help Line

239.417.1966



Save the Date!

WOMEN'S CLUB FASHION SHOW

February 7, 2007

Quail West Country Club

Encore Resale Shops:

VOLUNTEERS KICKED OFF SEASON WITH A PARTY AT THE 10TH STREET STORE

Each year, in honor of an exciting new season, the Encore managers host a party to welcome back their many seasonal volunteers. The reception brings together new and old volunteers for some networking and fun. Volunteers were also introduced to our new Volunteer Coordinator, Wanda Moore, who will be coordinating many more volunteer events and recognition initiatives. If you are interested in joining the Encore Team as a volunteer, call Wanda at 354-1437.



Jim and Norma Enlow



Joan Vaughn & Mindy Fitzpatrick