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The Newsletter of David Lawrence Center & Foundation

Beautiful Mind – Beautiful Heart attendees were treated to an entertaining evening of laughter, celebration and fun.

Keynote speaker Joan Rivers, comedian, television talk show host and best selling author, openly spoke about rebuilding her life after her husband's suicide and other setbacks, while keeping the audience roaring with laughter about everything from Botox to aging.

True meaning of Beautiful Heart came when Polly Keller, David Lawrence Center & Foundation Founder and previous Board President, was honored for her vision and commitment. A slide show displayed photos of Polly and her involvement over the last 35 years. David Schimmel, President and CEO, unveiled a sign showing that the Golden Gate Campus, which she was so instrumental in creating, would forever bear her name and be known as the Polly Keller Campus.

The generosity of our event sponsors, patrons, silent auction bidders, and attendees, raised more than \$215,000. On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, we offer our heartfelt and sincere appreciation to this year's co-chairs Dot Kent, Jackie Cronacher, Jenny Sutton and Monica McVicker, and their fabulous committee for hosting a wonderful and successful evening.

JOAN RIVERS ENTERTAINS DLC SUPPORTERS



Rick McCabe, Dick Bathey, Judy Bathey, and Polly Keller



Brenda Ruth, Joan Rivers, Elizabeth Star, and Yasmeen Wilson



Dot Kent, Jackie Cronacher, Joan Rivers, and Monica McVicker



Jan Goldsmith, Polly Keller, and David Schimmel



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Editor: Trista G. Meister

Issues and Answers: COPING WITH LOSS

The loss of someone you love, one of life's most painful events, can cause a major emotional crisis. When a death takes place, you may experience a wide range of emotions, even when the death is expected. These emotions can range from denial and confusion to anger and guilt. You may not be prepared for the intensity and duration of your emotions or how swiftly your moods may change, but they are healthy, appropriate and common reactions that will help you come to terms with your loss.

Coping with death is vital to your mental health. The best thing you can do is allow yourself to grieve. There are many ways to cope effectively with your pain.

- Seek out caring people
- Express your feelings
- Take care of your health
- Accept that life is for the living
- Postpone major life changes
- Be patient
- Seek outside help when necessary



If someone you care about has lost someone they love, you can help them through the grieving process.

- Share the sorrow
- Don't offer false comfort
- Offer practical help
- Be patient
- Encourage professional help when necessary

Remember that it takes time to fully absorb the impact of a major loss. You never stop missing them, but the pain eases after time, enabling you to go on with your life. With support, patience and effort, you will survive grief. Some day the pain will lessen, leaving you with cherished memories of your loved one.

If you or someone you know needs professional help coping with a loss, call David Lawrence Center's Outpatient Services at 455-8500.

WISHES, NEEDS & DREAMS

Consider helping David Lawrence fund the cost of residential treatment for one of the following programs, and help our community's most serious mental health and substance abuse cases. Your support is vital to their recovery.

Support One Child for One Day on the Crisis Unit	\$450
Fund One Night for One Adult in Need of Crisis Stabilization	\$450
One Day of Funding for Children's Residential Psychiatric Treatment	\$330
A Drug Free Day for a Client in the Adult Residential Substance Abuse Program	\$250

*You will make a difference.
Every day counts on their path back into the community.*

For the convenience of our donors, the Foundation now accepts **American Express**. If you wish to make a donation on your American Express credit card you can use the enclosed envelope or contact the Foundation at 354-1434.

A Success Story; FROM AN INSTITUTION TO LELY HIGH SCHOOL - A YOUNG GIRL WHO BEAT THE ODDS

At first glance, Susie* seems like any other shy, sweet 16 year old attending public school. But when you take a deeper look at what she has endured in her short life, it paints a very different picture.

Susie was removed from her home when she was 2 after being starved and neglected by her mother, a prostitute who was diagnosed with schizophrenia. By the time she was 5, Susie began threatening suicide and having violent outburst against her foster brothers and sisters. She too was diagnosed with chronic schizophrenia and spent much of her youth in institutions.

Before she was admitted to David Lawrence Center's Crisis Stabilization Unit several years ago, Susie had been passed around to 8 different foster families, had run away several times, and had made multiple suicide attempts, including trying to hang herself. After stabilizing her, the staff prescribed a new, more effective mix of medications and recommended residential treatment at the Center's Bridges program. She remained there for six months and was placed in a David Lawrence Center specialized therapeutic foster home.

Today, Susie is flourishing - making good grades at Lely High School, holding down a part-time job, and enjoying her new friends – something she never had her entire life. Her one wish has always been to have a permanent home where she can feel safe. Her wish will come true in just a few short months when her specialized therapeutic foster mother finalizes her adoption. Her success is attributed to the love, patience and nurturing of her new mother, the effective, caring treatment she received from the David Lawrence Center clinical team who cared for her over the last few years, and her strong will to live a normal life and beat the odds.



*To protect her privacy, her name has been changed and a stock photograph was used.



Program News; RESPITE CARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR CHILDREN

High risk children who experience setbacks in their treatment progress can now receive Respite Care at David Lawrence Center. This new service is for fragile children who need immediate, short-term care to evaluate their behavioral and emotional needs and adjust medication levels when appropriate. The Respite Care program helps to stabilize the child's condition when a Baker Act is not appropriate.

Often only two to four days in Respite Care gives David Lawrence's clinical staff the opportunity to respond swiftly to the needs of these at risk children.

Children placed in Specialized Therapeutic Foster homes are just one example of the children who will utilize this new service. Respite care helps keep these troubled children in a community setting rather than placing them in a restrictive acute care or residential setting.

David Lawrence Center was able to provide this new program due to the generosity of many of our donors who helped us meet a challenge grant. Now David Lawrence can prevent a child's condition from quickly deteriorating to a level that would require more restrictive care and interfere with the overall progress of his or her treatment and recovery.

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In our annual report we regretfully omitted Mr. and Mrs. Craig Allenbaugh for their generous gift of \$1,300 in Fiscal Year 2002.

Events Benefit David Lawrence: **PERFECT 10**

In March, David Lawrence Foundation was the benefiting charity for Saks Fifth Avenue and Naples Illustrated's 6th Annual Perfect 10 event. Several donors and a board member were among the prestigious men chosen as Naples' most sophisticated, style-savvy men.

During the event, the Perfect 10 modeled clothing from the Saks spring line for an audience of 200 people. A percentage of the men's sales and all proceeds from the fabulous raffle benefited David Lawrence. Congratulations to all of the Perfect 10 and our very own board member, Ned Sachs, and past board member, Elliot Singer, for being chosen.



DAWN DILLARDO



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John Allen, Joan Walsh, and Chris Riley



DAWN DILLARDO

Ned Sachs, Retta Singer, and Elliot Singer

NAPLES WINTER WINE FESTIVAL COMES THROUGH FOR KIDS IN CRISIS

The children at David Lawrence Center have once again been selected to benefit from the extreme generosity of the Naples Children and Education Foundation. Held in February, the now world famous event is officially the most successful Wine Auction in the country.

Many of you, our supporters, attended this event for the benefit of the children of Collier County who so desperately need your help.

This year, the \$150,000 we received from the Naples Children and Education Foundation will support children who have been admitted to David Lawrence Center's Crisis Unit. Here children who are in danger of hurting themselves or others are protected, stabilized and given a full mental health assessment and treatment plan to help get them back on the road to recovery.



Jean Ackerman, Carol Shaw, Ned Sachs, and Linda Malone



Margrit Mondavi, Scott Lutgert, Rob Mondavi, Simone Lutgert, and Robert Mondavi

Planned Giving: ANNUITIES & TRUSTS



Carol Shaw

When evaluating your charitable giving options, you might want to consider two interesting alternatives.

Consider supporting David Lawrence Foundation with a **charitable gift annuity**, which is an arrangement

whereby you transfer cash or other property to a qualified charity in exchange for a commitment by the charity to pay you a specified amount (an annuity) each year for a specified term or for the remainder of your life.

The arrangements for gift annuities vary widely from annuities payable over a fixed period to annuities payable over the life of a single annuitant or survivor annuitants. The donor can structure payments to begin immediately or at a future date. He or she can also set the frequency of the payments so they may be received annually, semiannually, quarterly, monthly, or more frequently.

The transaction is both an acquisition of an annuity and a charitable contribution because of the property you transfer to the charity exceeds the value of the annuity. Your charitable contribution, and your charitable income tax deduction, is the value of the property less the value of the annuity.

Another planned giving option you can use to support our mission, is with a **charitable lead trust (CLT)**, which is an irrevocable split-interest trust that is essentially the reverse of a charitable remainder trust. After the donor contributes assets to the CLT, the trust makes distributions of income from these assets to one or more charitable beneficiaries for a specific period of time. At the end of that period, the remaining CLT assets are distributed to the noncharitable beneficiaries who may be the donor, the donor's family, or others.

For more information about these planned giving options, call me at 239-354-1416.



Featured Donor: ACKERMANS UNDERSTAND THE NEED; ENCOURAGE OTHERS TO SUPPORT DAVID LAWRENCE

Jean Ackerman and her husband Don, feel compelled to give to David Lawrence Foundation for a variety of reasons. Understanding that everyone knows someone who has been directly affected by addiction, seeing first hand what the children in the Bridges residential psychiatric program live through on a daily basis, knowing that the Center provides services to helpless children who struggle with emotional trauma and violence in the home... their reasons go on and on.

Since first touring the Center last year, Jean was very impressed by the "breath and depth" of the programs provided. So much so, she applied to be a Board Trustee the same day and has never looked back. She said, "I was most moved by Bridges. When I walked in and realized everything is literally nailed down or weighed down so the children can not use them as a weapon, and learned that David Lawrence was the only place where these children can receive a safe haven and the emotional support they need to get better, I couldn't help but want to support them in any way I could."

The Ackermans lend their support in a variety of ways. Jean donates her time as an active member of the Board of Trustees, where she chairs the Nominating Committee, and by serving on the Beautiful Mind – Beautiful Heart event committee. Jean and Don financially support the Center by attending fundraisers, making annual contributions and helping to solidify corporate sponsorships from Don's company.

Jean encourages everyone to take a tour of the Center and "see for yourself why you should help the neediest of the needy and those who are disadvantaged by emotional or mental trauma and the social stigma associated with their illness."



Jean and Don Ackerman

Tours Available; GET EDUCATED THROUGH CENTER TOURS



*Mary Nusce, Michael Morris, Joanne Wyss,
Charles Denny and John Mueller.*

Recently, Foundation Board Members toured the Center to see firsthand the Center's programs and services. In February, the Greater Naples Leadership Class, made up of more than 50 community leaders, also toured David Lawrence Center's Crisis unit and Crossroads Residential Chemical Dependency program.

The Foundation provides community leaders and interested donors tours to learn about the great work the Center does and learn how donors money is being put to work. The audience hears from client speakers and staff members whenever possible.

Are you interested in learning more about the Center? Call 354-1434 to set up a tour today.

HANDPAINTED TABLE CLOTHS STILL AVAILABLE



For the great price of \$100, you can still get one of the tablecloths from Beautiful Mind - Beautiful Heart that were beautifully handpainted by local artist Cathy McCardle. Call 354-1434 to buy yours today!

Tell Us What You Think; NEWSLETTER SURVEY

Now that *Centered*, the official newsletter of David Lawrence Foundation, has been in circulation for one year, we want to know what you think about the content to ensure we are meeting your needs. Please take a few minutes to complete the questions below and send this back via the enclosed envelope or fax your response to 354-2968.

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5. What type of articles/information would you like to see more of that isn't currently being covered in Centered?

6. Additional Comments/Suggestions:

*Your opinion matters!
Thank you for taking the time to complete our survey.*



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***For information on volunteer
opportunities available at
the Center and Foundation
please call 354-1484.***

Encore Resale Shops Update; **WINIFRED PELLET RETIRES AFTER 25 YEARS**

Winifred Pellet, an invaluable Encore volunteer, recently retired after more than 25 years of lending her time to support the David Lawrence Center mission. Winifred was a volunteer for a variety of causes throughout her life. Before moving to Naples, she thought she might hang up her volunteer hat, but when she came to Encore during the grand opening week to make a donation, she was approached about becoming a volunteer and never looked back. Winifred found it to be an extremely rewarding experience. She explained, "I thoroughly enjoyed the routine, learning new things and being part of a team." Thank you Winifred for your many of years of service.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION WEEK

April 18-24 is National Volunteer Appreciation Week, and the Foundation will be treating our volunteers to a luncheon in their honor. Each year, we take this opportunity to celebrate their support and dedication to the Center.

The luncheon will be held at Collier Athletic Club on April 19th. Each volunteer will receive a special gift of appreciation, and Polly Keller, the Encore Founder, will be the keynote speaker. This year's theme is "Volunteers Are Our Shining Stars." We couldn't do it without you.
