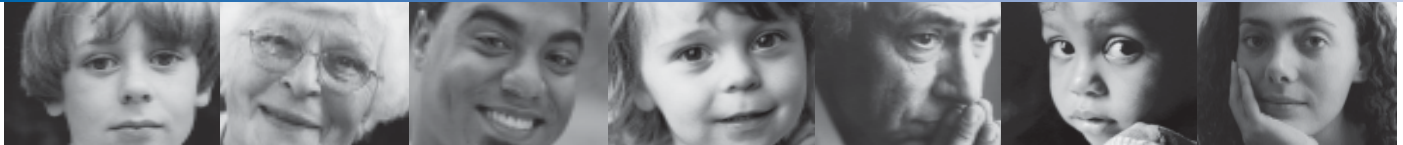


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The Newsletter of David Lawrence Center & Foundation

NEW CHAIRMAN NAMED



Michael Morris

David Lawrence Foundation named a new chairman this summer, Michael Morris, President and CEO of First National Trust Company. In addition to his more than 20 years of

leadership experience in the trust and investment business, Michael brings more than 8 years of active involvement in the David Lawrence mission - first as a member and president of the David Lawrence Center board, then as chair of the Restoring and Rebuilding Lives Endowment Campaign and now as a member of the Foundation board.

Michael spent the summer working with the board to define and set goals for the new fiscal year. "Our focus is to expand the exposure and awareness of the Center and Foundation in an effort to grow our constituency base," said Michael. "We hope to increase our fund-raising ability to support the Center's programs and services through a variety of initiatives including private donor tours, planned giving and an exciting special event calendar."

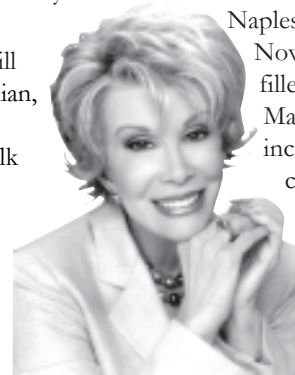
The Foundation feels very lucky to have Michael at its helm. Together with you, our supporters, we look forward to meeting this year's goals.

2004 SPECIAL EVENTS ANNOUNCED

Beautiful Mind - Beautiful Heart

Building on the success of the 2003 inaugural Beautiful Mind - Beautiful Heart event, the Foundation will kick off the season with a new dinner format on Saturday, February 21.

The keynote speaker will be **Joan Rivers**, comedian, bestselling author and nationally syndicated talk show host. With her unbridled humor, compassion, and relentless honesty, Rivers will shed light on how she overcame many devastating setbacks in her life including her husband's depression and ultimate suicide, financial difficulties, the cancellation of her talk show and being estranged from her daughter.



Joan Rivers

We will also honor Polly Keller as our Beautiful Heart. She is a founding trustee, former board president and the Encore Resale Shop creator.

Tickets are \$400 per person. Patron Tickets are also available for \$1,000 and include a private reception with Ms. Rivers.

Perfect 10

David Lawrence has been selected as the benefiting charity for the "Perfect 10; Naples Most Fashionable Men" event which is co-hosted by Saks Fifth Avenue, Naples and *Naples Illustrated*.

Now in its fifth year, this fun filled evening, scheduled for March 3 at Saks, will include a Tangueray No. 10 cocktail reception and fashion show featuring Naples most stylish men as voted by the public. Nomination ballots are now available.

23rd Annual Watkins Memorial Pro-Am Golf Tournament

This long-standing golf tournament includes an 18-hole handicap scramble and a low professional division. Amateurs play a foursome with the option of using their professional's drive on each hole. The event includes a buffet lunch, awards and cocktail reception with a silent auction and raffle. Join us on April 5 at the Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club for a fun day!

For sponsorship and/or ticket information about these events, call the Foundation at 354-1434 or visit www.davidlawrencecenter.org.

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Editor Trista G. Meister

Issues and Answers: **ABOUT SUICIDE**

Suicide is something we would rather not talk about and certainly hope will never happen to someone we know. But suicide is a reality and it is more common than you might think. Each year more than 775,000 Americans commit suicide. In Florida, suicide is the 3rd leading cause of death among 15- to 34-year-olds.

Many people at some point in their lives think about suicide. Those who decide to live have come to realize that their crisis is temporary, but death is not. On the other hand, people in the midst of a crisis often perceive their dilemma as inescapable and feel an utter loss of control.

People who are contemplating suicide or who make an attempt do not necessarily want to die. Often, they are reaching out for help.

While some suicides occur without any outward warning, 75% do show signs. The most effective way to prevent suicide is to be educated on how to recognize the signs of someone at risk and know how to respond to them.

A Suicidal Person May:

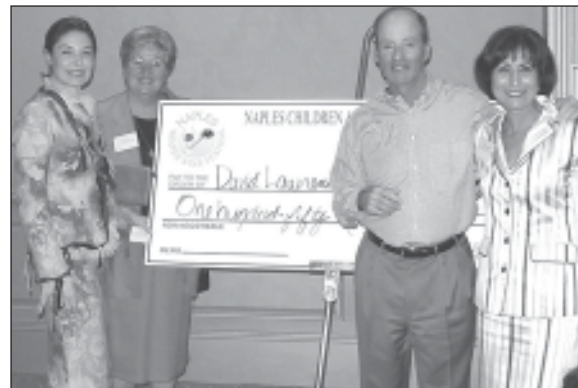
- Repeat expressions of hopelessness & desperation
- Talk about death or suicide
- Increase alcohol or drug use
- Withdraw socially or make elaborate good-byes
- Give away possessions
- Rush to complete or a revise a will
- Have a recent, severe loss
- Have attempted suicide before
- Lose interest in hobbies, work, and/or school

What Can You Do To Help:

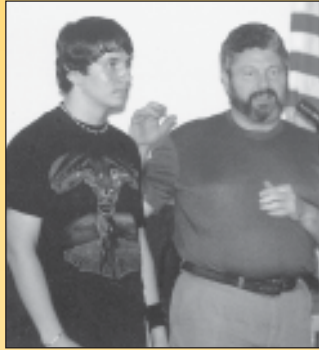
- Know the danger signs
- Take it seriously
- Be willing to listen
- Don't be afraid to ask them about suicide
- Let the person know you care and understand
- Tell them they are not alone and problems can be solved
- Encourage professional help

David Lawrence Center operates a 24 hour, 7 day-a-week crisis unit as well as an Urgent Care Clinic. Call 455-8500 for help.

WINE FESTIVAL SUPPORTS CHILDREN IN CRISIS



David Lawrence Board Members, Linda Malone, Pat Barton and Ned Sachs are seen here with Carol Shaw, Foundation Director, at the Naples Winter Wine Festival check presentation. The Naples Children and Education Foundation grant for \$150,000 will fund an additional children's crisis unit bed and will help the Center save more lives.



CHILDREN'S SERVICES HOSTS PARENTING PANEL

In September, David Lawrence presented "Preparing Parents for the Difficulties of Early Adolescence," a panel discussion designed to provide warning signs, tips and proven parenting techniques. The event was moderated by Foundation Trustee, Jan Goldsmith, and featured children's expert panelist including: Dr. Mike D'Amico, David Lawrence Center Children's Services Director, Larry Ruble, Collier County Public Schools Head of Psychological Services, Jim Hansen, Collier County Sheriff's Office Head of Youth Relations Deputies and Michael Plager, Assistant State Attorney. In addition, a preteen client and parent provided a testimonial about the struggles they faced in their family and how they overcame them.

Preteens struggle with many difficulties from increased academic pressures and social acceptance to exposure to drugs and alcohol. That's why the panel sought to arm parents with the facts about what adolescents face both developmentally and socially to help them assist their children through these common struggles before they become problematic and unmanageable.

Dr. D'Amico commented, "Our research has shown a large gap in available education based services for children and parents for this age group. Because of an education grant provided by the Saldukas Foundation, we were able to offer this free event to the community and hope this can be the first step in filling that gap."



HOW TO HELP OTHERS THROUGH PLANNED GIVING



Carol Shaw

Charity is part of the American Dream. We believe, as a society, that we should share the bounty of our successes with our less fortunate fellows and what better way to give than through planned giving?

In the next few issues of *Centered*, we will feature a series of articles to help you understand the charitable planning options that are available to everyone of every economic means, and to show how those who make philanthropy a part of their financial and estate planning will enhance their lives and help those in need while preserving assets.

Planned giving is structuring your donations into a unified plan so you maximize the benefits of your gifts while you are alive, and after your death. It involves applying strategies to use the social capital portion of your wealth in a manner that results in increased benefits for you, your loved ones, and the charities you choose.

Planned giving can be simple or complicated. Your options are vast and can include insurance policies and IRAs, trusts, gift annuities, real estate gifts, foundations, stock gifts and so on. No matter what means you use, there are only three possible beneficiaries of your wealth: your intended heirs, the Internal Revenue Service and charitable causes.

As our invaluable supporters, we hope that you will consider naming David Lawrence Foundation as a beneficiary of one of the many avenues we will spell out in the next several articles about planned giving.

For more information about planned giving, call Carol Shaw at 354-1416.

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239.261.5148

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

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ENCORE HOSTS SUCCESSFUL INVENTORY LIQUIDATION SALE

David Lawrence Center was the site for the Encore Resale Shops tent sale held in July. The sale featured items such as couches, lamps, artwork, tables and home accessories. More than \$3,600 was generated during the sale – not bad considering there were a lot of \$.25 - \$1 items. Shoppers learned more about the stores and their tie to the Center – a great publicity win! The shops were also able to free up critical space to make room for many exciting new pieces for the coming season. The Foundation is grateful for the hard working volunteers who battled the summer heat and staffed the two day event.



LONGTIME ENCORE VOLUNTEER PASSES AWAY

Sadly, Encore lost a loving, valuable volunteer this August. Antoinette “Tonie” Benson Porter was described by those who worked with her at the shops for the past 10 years “as a very special, kind and knowledgeable” person. As the Director of Interior Design for US Homes and founder of her own design studio, Accessories, Inc., she brought a wealth of knowledge and professionalism to Encore. She will be sorely missed by all of us.