



## News Release

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### **SERENITY GARDEN BRICK PAVER PROGRAM SUPPORTS INDIVIDUALS IN SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT AT DAVID LAWRENCE CENTER**

Naples, FL – The David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce that the new Serenity Garden has become a reality now that renovations are complete on the new Substance Abuse and Specialty Services Center located at the Center's main campus off of Golden Gate Parkway.

David Lawrence Center and Foundation are inviting the community to leave a lasting impression on this beautiful space and help support individuals in need of substance abuse and mental health treatment through a brick paver naming program. Bricks can be placed in two new garden areas that have modernized and enhanced the therapeutic environment of the surrounding exteriors of the Substance Abuse Services Center which houses the newly expanded 18-bed Crossroads residential treatment program, day treatment, adult drug court, family intervention services, recovery support services, domestic violence batterer's intervention, pretrial intervention and court referred registration.

The Serenity Garden greatly impacts residential and outpatient substance abuse clients by creating a relaxing, soothing, therapeutic environment that improves mental health and wellbeing and reduces or eliminates environmental stressors. The Zen-like garden area features flowering shade trees, a variety of shrubs and several benches. This serene environment accommodates accompanying family members, enables social supports, provides a space for recreation and meditation and offers positive distractions for individuals seeking treatment by giving them access to the benefits of daylight, nature and the beautiful Naples weather.

Bricks can honor or celebrate someone special. Each 8" x 4" brick can be engraved with three lines of text, including a family name, a business, someone special's name and sentiment, or in memoriam of a friend or loved one.

Bricks cost \$100 each and make a great gift idea for that special someone for this Valentine's Day, birthdays, weddings and many other gift giving occasions. All proceeds help David

Lawrence Center and Foundation pave the way to restore and rebuild the lives of thousands of children, adults, families and neighbors in need in Southwest Florida.

Carol Shaw, Vice President of Development at the David Lawrence Center, states, “The Serenity Garden benefits individuals who bravely turn to the David Lawrence Center for help for the devastating impacts that diseases like depression, schizophrenia, addiction or bipolar disorder have on their lives. As a true, local not-for-profit resource, we rely on donations to invest in the health, safety and wellbeing of our community. Donations help ensure that everyone in Collier County who needs help at the most difficult moments of their lives can access care when they need it. The brick paver program is an affordable way to positively impact the one in four who suffer from a mental illness and the one in nine of us in Collier County who experience some form of substance abuse.”

Brick pavers can be purchased online on the Donate Now section of the David Lawrence Center website at [www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org](http://www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org) or by calling the David Lawrence Foundation at 239.354.1434.

David Lawrence Center is a not-for-profit, behavioral health agency that provides comprehensive, innovative mental health and substance abuse services in Southwest Florida. In addition to helping children with behavioral, emotional and substance abuse challenges, the Center provides counseling and rehabilitative services to adults in crisis and individuals with persistent mental illness. David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 30,000 people each year. It is David Lawrence Center’s mission to restore and rebuild the lives of all of those in need. David Lawrence Foundation generates philanthropic support for the advancement of the Center’s mission, operations and growth.

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