

CHARITABLE FUND

The Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery Charitable Fund was established to support services and programs that promote the behavioral health and wellness of residents of all ages, enabling them to live, work and participate in their communities. Donations support the StarkMHAR Charitable Fund at the Stark Community Foundation. StarkMHAR wishes to thank the following men and women for their generous contributions to the Workforce Scholarship program. Learn more about the StarkMHAR Charitable Fund and past scholarship recipients at StarkMHAR.org/Give



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2019 Leadership Breakfast

Wednesday, June 5



THE POWER OF THANK YOU: A Conversation About Engagement & Enthusiasm At Work

7:30-11:30 a.m. | First Christian Church, Heritage Hall
6900 Market Ave. N. | North Canton, Ohio 44721





SCHEDULE

- 7:30
Check-In & Breakfast
- 8:00
Welcome & Introductions
Allyson Rey
Director of Marketing,
Communications & Community
Relations, StarkMHAR
- 8:10
Keynote: Grategy
Lisa Ryan
Chief Appreciation Specialist,
Grategy
- 9:40
Break
- 9:50
**Recovery Scholarship
Presentation**
Erin Ivers
Forensic Coordinator/Forensic
Monitor, StarkMHAR

- 10:00
CIT Award Presentation
Erin Ivers
Forensic Coordinator/Forensic
Monitor, StarkMHAR
Major C.J. Stantz
Stark County Sheriff's Office
- 10:15
State of the Agency
John Aller, PCC-S, LICDC
Executive Director, StarkMHAR
- 10:40
HOPE Awards Presentation
John Aller, PCC-S, LICDC
Executive Director, StarkMHAR
Julie Gonzalez
Board President, StarkMHAR
- 11:20
Closing Remarks & Evaluations
John Aller, PCC-S, LICDC
Executive Director, StarkMHAR



YOUNG ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR
SIMPLE STARTERS: NICK FRIEDL, TREVOR MOST, NIC DEMATTEIS, ZACH GOTTER, ALLY BERCAU, ANDREW WELLS, JOSH SALINAS, JAMASON PETREE, PAYTON LAMBES Families are finding it more difficult

to eat dinner together, and when they come to the table, it's often the TV that's doing the talking. A recent survey found that 40% of American families eat dinner together only three or fewer times a week, with 10% never eating dinner together at all. Simple Starters found a way to make dinner fun again and get your kids begging to sit down for a family dinner. Recent studies have shown that families who regularly eat together have better family relationships, eat healthier, have better grades, are emotionally stronger, have better mental health, are less likely to try drugs, experience reduced stress, and save money. With all of these great benefits, who wouldn't want to sit down as a family and eat together? Simple Starters is a company that creates cards designed to initiate conversation between families and others. The cards engage everyone in meaningful dialogue that can be used to build relationships between parents and their kids. The two versions of cards are called the "Fun" and "Sincere" packs. The conversation that is produced from the "fun" pack is full of laughter and memories and the dialogue is only limited by the users' imaginations. The "Sincere" pack is produced to diversify the product line from Simple Starters as well as to create an option for users to talk about more insightful topics such as goals for the future, status on current life objectives, and the view on different aspects of life. Our family oriented product is intended to reach audiences that look to improve dialogue at the dinner table, during car rides, and other times of leisure. Our goal is to improve relationships within families and friend groups so that everybody is more willing to participate in open, honest dialogue, no matter the topic. We came up with the idea by looking at the problem Stark County has been facing with teenage mental health. We strongly believe that an important factor for improving the lives of every teenager in our community is simple conversation.

Thank You
for attending!
We appreciate you.



HOPE AWARD WINNERS (CONT.)



INNOVATION AWARD

KELLY WILLIAMS, aka Prodigal Son, is a seven-time Billboard-charting inspirational rap artist who rhymes about his rough and tumble past life on the street and at times has been under scrutiny for his honest lyrics. Growing up in Canton, he saw four choices to escape poverty: music, sports, crime, and working in a steel mill. He chose all four. Williams says that music was one of the first things

that was a conscious choice for him to embrace, rather than a circumstance forced on him. Fully realizing the power of *writing* music, especially, motivated him to start HOLY-wood Music Academy—a place where local young people can go, free of charge, to write, produce, and record music. In addition to supporting those who want to use music as a therapeutic, creative outlet, Williams has a presence in other parts of the community where people may be looking for a positive way forward. He has become the RE-ENTRY mentor for the Canton Police Department, created Day Jail curriculum for the Stark County Day Jail program, started “HOPE TOURS” in partnership with StarkMHAR, and provides encouragement in numerous other ways. For more information on the music academy, or if you or someone you know is interested in joining, contact Kelly Williams at hollywoodconsulting@gmail.com. *Kelly “Prodigal Son” Williams encourages the community at large to: NEVER GIVE UP!*



COMMUNITY CHAMPION

**PERRY HIGH SCHOOL SPEAK LIFE RESILIENCY TEAM:
BRYAN WINSLOW, LEAH MOORE, PETER SMITH,
ALYSSA MCGRAW, EMMA GEORGE, DAVID RILEY**

The multiple suicides that occurred during the previous school year took a significant toll on students, staff, and the community. The students involved in the Speak Life Resiliency Run wanted to create an event to help everyone continue to “heal” as well as raise awareness about suicide prevention programs that can support families and students through times of difficulty. The group also wanted the event to bring the school and community together to make a positive difference in the lives of others. This is why Coleman Professional Services (Mobile Crisis Unit) and Akron Children’s Hospital (Inpatient Hospitalization) were chosen as receiving the funds generated through this event. The real-life lessons that we all learned by organizing this event have extended far beyond the walls of a classroom or our community. As a result, the Speak Life Student Committee’s main goal of bringing awareness to mental illness and the resources available to help those in need during difficult times - while also helping everyone in our school “community” heal - was attained on many levels. The inaugural event held on May 4 was a significant step in a positive direction.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER



LISA RYAN helps her clients develop employee engagement initiatives and strategies that keep their top talent and best clients from becoming someone else’s. Lisa is an award-winning speaker and Amazon best-selling author of ten books. Her clients appreciate her real-world insight, high content message, quick wit, and the immediately actionable ideas contained in her fun, interactive, and engaging workshops and programs. Focusing on strengthening workplace culture, improving employee engagement, and initiating gratitude strategies (“Grategies”) for personal and professional transformation, Lisa shares best practices, research, anecdotes, and takes advantage of the “wisdom in the room” so participants can also learn from each other. Lisa Ryan costars in two films with other experts including Jack Canfield of “Chicken Soup for the Soul.” She is the Past-President of the National Speakers Association, Ohio Chapter and holds an MBA from Cleveland State University.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNER



KRISTIN HOOTEN currently works as a social worker for the YWCA of Canton and is enrolled in the Masters of Social Work program at the University of Akron. After graduation she would like to explore opportunities in the behavioral health field either working with children in a school setting or working with individuals with substance use disorders.

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CIT AWARD WINNERS



CIT OFFICER OF THE YEAR

GIBRAN BASKERVILLE is a U.S. Navy veteran and recently retired Canton City Police officer. Baskerville served in the U.S. Navy as a Damage Controlman in Desert Shield/Desert Storm from 1990-1992. As a Canton Police Officer he served in the Traffic Bureau, Gang Task Force, and Crisis Intervention Team, and served as a Domestic Violence Officer. A lifelong resident of Canton, Baskerville

began his tenure with the City of Canton in 1994 as a sanitation worker, then serving as a parking meter enforcement, auxiliary police while putting himself through the Police Academy. Upon graduation from the Academy in 1996, he served two years as a police officer in Cadiz, Ohio, while continuing his work meter reading in Canton. In February 1998, Baskerville was sworn in as a full-time Canton City Police Officer. While serving his community for 21 years with tenacity and professionalism, Baskerville was blessed with his seven children: Kahlil, Gibran, Gabrielle, Jamir, Demarcus, Deangelo, and Demarco. After his decision to retire in early 2019, Baskerville's second career has taken him closer to his children. As the Community Engagement Coordinator for GlenOak High School, Baskerville has been afforded the opportunity to continue to serve the residents of Plain Local while spending more time with his school-aged sons and granddaughters. Baskerville, or "Coach B" as he is known throughout the Plain Local community, has risen to the challenge of working with at-risk youth during the school day as well as coaching Track & Field (Shot Put) and Football (Offensive line coach) after school. Baskerville is thankful for the opportunity to give back to the community. As his daughter Gabrielle says, "My dad loves this city."



CIT CHAMPION OF THE YEAR

SERGEANT CRAIG M. RILEY of the Canton Police Department is a lifelong resident of Canton. He graduated from GlenOak High School in 1991 and soon after joined the U.S. Army Active Duty where he was trained as a Combat Medic. Craig attended the University of South Carolina and The Ohio State University, majoring in Psychology. He returned home and pursued a career in Law Enforcement, working at the Uniontown Police Department in 1998, the Canton Park Police in 1999, then the Canton Police Department in 2001. He has experienced a broad spectrum of situations with the Department by working as a Gang Task Force Officer, Vice Detective, Patrol Officer, Patrol Sergeant and now currently assigned as the Community Involvement Sergeant and Recruitment Team Sergeant. His life experiences and professional experiences have culminated into a man and a police officer who is an advocate for those who are unable to help themselves.

HOPE AWARD WINNERS



PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR

DIANE MANG, who recently joined Coleman Professional Services, has worked with peers in the mental health community for the past 11 years. Diane also represented all Ohio peers through her involvement on the Ohio Community Recovery Support Planning Council in Columbus. As a State Peer-to-Peer Trainer and local Peer-to-Peer Mentor through the National Alliance on Mental Illness

(NAMI), her work has included trainings and speaking engagements in Washington D.C., Columbus, and various counties in Northeastern Ohio. Diane has taught classes or facilitated long-term groups for people trying to achieve wellness in the developmental disability, homelessness, and state-funded in-patient forensic systems both as part of her formal work and through volunteerism on days, nights, weekends, and holidays. In her work to help people gain a better understanding of peers and that recovery is possible, she has shared her own recovery story with law enforcement officers, dispatchers, state and local political leaders, professional and social clubs, college students, community agencies, other peers, and families also impacted by mental health issues. Originally starting school in 1990 for Aerospace Engineering at the University of Cincinnati at age 17, she discontinued her education in 1992 due to serious and persistent mental health issues. After facing much adversity due to her symptoms and harsh treatment by the mental health system (including restraints and seclusion), she vowed to one day be able to help others who faced the same challenges once she was well enough to do so. Diane was able to return to college and graduated with honors from Kent State University in December of 2001 with a degree in Broadcast News. After attending one NAMI meeting in Stark County in 2006, she knew it was her chance to help people in the mental health field.



ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR

KARA WELDON VOGT is a lifelong resident of Canton and a 1983 graduate of Timken Senior High School. She married Larry Vogt in 1989 and they welcomed their son and only child in 1991. She has been a longtime volunteer with Canines Helping Independent People (CHIP) as a trainer and foster parent for mobility assistance dogs as well as spending ten years as a Cub Scout and Boy Scout

Leader. Families Against The Heroin Epidemic Rally in Stark and the F.A.T.H.E.R.S. Motorcycle Poker Run were established by Larry and Kara in 2015 as a result of their experiences with their own child's addiction battle. Kara is now retired from her 28-year career as a veterinary office manager and assistant so she can dedicate more time to the F.A.T.H.E.R.S. missions of raising awareness of the addiction epidemic, promoting access to resources in Stark County and addressing the needs of affected families. She has been a member of the Stark County Opiate Task Force since 2016. She also serves on the Task Force's Strategic Planning Committee and chairs the Community Partners sub-committee.