Fall Celebración

Viva La Vida

November 15, 2014

Shrewsbury, NJ... The Mental Health Association of Monmouth County’s Fall Celebración, Viva La Vida will be held on Saturday, November 15th at Raven & the Peach in Fair Haven, NJ. This year’s theme, Viva La Vida was chosen because of its uplifting translation; celebrate life. Guests will enjoy a Spanish themed menu with tapas and stations, Sangria, open bar, silent auction, and entertainment by The Haven. Tickets are $150.00 and unique sponsorships are available that include reserved seating. Proceeds from the event will support MHA’s free programs and services that are available to all families in Monmouth County.

Ramon Solkhah, M.D., Chairman of Psychiatry, Jersey Shore University Medical Center and Corporate Medical Director, Meridian Behavioral Health Services is being honored for his tremendous efforts to advocate, educate, and treat those affected by mental illness and drug addiction in Monmouth County. Dr. Solkhah has participated in numerous forums throughout Monmouth County where he offered information and outlined treatment options for those addicted to heroin and prescription painkillers. Dr. Solkhah’s dedication to not only treating individuals, but educating our communities is greatly respected by MHA, as his efforts continue to fight the discrimination that surrounds mental illness. His actions and commitment embody MHA’s mission: promoting mental health and wellness and improving the care and treatment of persons affected by mental illness.

On Thursday, October 2nd from 6 – 8pm, committee member, Abbi Finch is hosting a Viva La Vida Kickoff Party at her home for event committee members and friends of MHA. Members of the event committee are MHA Foundation Board members and co-chairs Nancy Pearson and Donna Crosson of Rumson, MHA Foundation Board members; Ernesto Cullari of Asbury Park, Stacey Donovan of Middletown, Ruth Palacio of Fair Haven, Foundation Board President George Whitelaw of Locust and MHA Operating Board Members; Joan Konopka of Toms River, Mike McLaughlin of Neptune City, and Operating Board Vice President Susan Tellone of Manasquan. Other members of the committee are Linda Baxendale of Manasquan, Patti Bossone of Manasquan, Courtney Kozal of Manalapan, and Pedro Trivella of Asbury Park.

For more information about the event or sponsorship opportunities, please visit www.mentalhealthmonmouth.org, call 732-542-6422 x108 or email sdecker@mentalhealthmonmouth.org.

About The Mental Health Association of Monmouth County (MHA):

MHA has been providing advocacy and services to families in Monmouth County for over 64 years. The Mental Health Association of Monmouth County is dedicated to the promotion of mental health, the prevention of mental illness, and the improved care and treatment of persons affected by mental illness. MHA strives to accomplish this mission through the creation and implementation of innovative programs, education, advocacy, and community partnerships.

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