

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2021

MCNABB CENTER CUTS RIBBON ON NEW ILS FACILITY



n Friday, June 18th, 2021, the McNabb Center celebrated the opening of its newest building, cutting the ribbon at the new Intensive Long-Term Support (ILS) program. ILS provides supportive living for adults recovering from psychiatric conditions who need assistance living with more independence.

ILS is a community-based program that focuses on recovery and includes treatment, social activities and skill building. The goal of the program is to help individuals achieve independence and live successfully within the community.

The McNabb Center began the ILS program in May 2013 when the Lakeshore Mental Health Institute closed. This new \$1.5 million building replaces and expands upon Willow Cottage, the Center's previous ILS location at Lakeshore Park, which will permanently close as Lakeshore Park is further renovated.

66 We are excited to provide high quality care in a beautiful living environment," said Jerry Vagnier, McNabb Center CEO. "We are here to serve people in our community and the program at this facility will do that well."

This project was made possible by the Haslam 3 Foundation's Dee and Jimmy Haslam. A special thanks to Buck and Linda Vaughn whose long-time support of the McNabb Center's mission contributes to this project.



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MARY KATSIKAS PROMOTED TO CLINICAL VICE PRESIDENT



he McNabb Center is pleased to announce the promotion of Mary Katsikas to regional clinical vice president. As regional clinical vice president, Mary will oversee nearly half of the Center's

clinical services, including the children and youth continuum in Knox County, cooccurring family treatment services and all services in Blount, Cocke, Hamblen and Sevier counties.

Mary has been with the McNabb Center for 20 years and, in that time, has created, developed and implemented new programming through new funding avenues. In addition, she has overseen the expansion of programming dedicated to families, children and young adults.

& As regional clinical vice president, Mary will continue to lead the McNabb Center's innovative clinical growth," said Mona

Blanton-Kitts, McNabb Center president. "Mary's positive impact on the Center and the communities we serve will reach far into the future."

Mary participates in numerous local and state-wide organizations from the Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking and the Family Justice Center's Coordinated Community Response Team to chairing the Region 2 Tennessee Department of Mental Health & Substance Abuse Services 2018 Regional Planning and Policy Council. Through her involvement, Mary advocates for needed mental health programming in the community and state as well as influences related public policy issues.

In 2020, Mary was awarded the Tennessee Association of Mental Health Organizations' (TAMHO) Dorothea Dix Professional Service Award for her career accomplishments. Through Mary's leadership, the Center has expanded its school-based programming to serve every middle and high school in Knox County.

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JOIN US FOR THESE UPCOMING AWARENESS EVENTS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

ctober is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM), and during this time, the McNabb Center will continue connecting survivors and advocates in order to work together, speak out and end domestic violence as well as honor the lives taken by domestic violence.



You can keep up with all 2021 DVAM activities by following us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/McNabbCenterDomesticViolence.

If you or someone you know is experiencing domestic violence, contact our Domestic Violence Hotline by calling 865-637-8000. For more information about the services we offer, please visit mcnabbcenter.org/dvs.

MENTAL ILLNESS AWARENESS WEEK

ctober 3-9, 2021 is Mental Illness Awareness Week. During this time, we aim to educate the public, fight stigma and provide support for individuals affected by mental illness.

If you or someone you know is experiencing mental illness, please don't hesitate to reach out for help. Our compassionate staff is here to provide you or your loved one the help you need. We provide a full range of mental health care services, from infancy to adulthood. Please call us at 1-800-255-9711.



MORE THAN TWO DOZEN OFFICERS GRADUATE CRISIS INTERVENTION TEAM (CIT) TRAINING

ore than two dozen law enforcement officers, first responders and Knox County School staff graduated from Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training on Friday, July 16, 2021.

This graduating class included staff from American Medical Response (AMR), the University of Tennessee Medical Center, Knox County Sheriff's Office, University of Tennessee Police Department, Knox County Schools and the Knoxville Police Department.

CIT trained officers undergo 40 hours of intensive training, which helps them identify mental health resources to assist people in crisis. The training connects officers with mental health professionals and other community agencies to create a team that can provide support when a challenging situation occurs.

In addition, officers learn verbal de-escalation skills and experience scenario-based training on responding to crises.

GCIT training has numerous benefits for both the trained official and the community," said Candace Allen, CIT coordinator and senior director of adult intensive mental health services at the McNabb Center. "The increased knowledge of behavioral health and skills, such as deescalation techniques, will help officers when they encounter an individual in psychiatric crisis."



CIT has been implemented in hundreds of communities in the United States and internationally. These collaborations between advocates, law enforcement and mental health systems have saved hundreds of lives and fostered linkages for people who need treatment, not incarceration. CIT promotes dignity, safety and appropriate care, reducing the load on jails and the criminal justice system. It also results in a community confidence for everyone.

BETH HAYNES & RUSSELL BIVEN HONORED AT SPIRIT AWARD DINNER

eth Haynes and Russell Biven were honored at the 2021 Spirit Award Dinner, held September 21 at Lakeshore Park.

Beth and Russell have made a long-lasting impact on the East Tennessee community through their time working together at



WBIR-TV and headlining fundraising events on behalf of the Center.

The Beth Haynes 12 Days of Christmas Online Auction, which raised more than \$100,000 in 2020, helps provide holiday gifts and experiences for child clients of the McNabb Center.

Russell has been the face of the Russell Biven Clayfest for more than 15 years. Under his leadership, the event has quadrupled in revenue, raising nearly \$100,000 at the 2021 event.



EVENING OF HOPE RETURNS TO MORRISTOWN, CELEBRATES DON & PENNEY ROGERS

he 2021 Evening of Hope dinner returned to Morristown to honor Don and Penney Rogers for their longstanding commitment to the McNabb Center and helping individuals in need in Hamblen County.

♦ Con and Penney embody the McNabb Center's mission; improving the lives of the people we serve," said Sharon Reid, McNabb Center's senior director of Hamblen County services. "They have been long supporters of the Center and the entire Morristown community and they make a positive impact on our work."

The event benefits the McNabb Center's Jail to Work pre-arrest diversion programming.





RUSSELL BIVEN CLAYFEST RAISES NEARLY \$100,000

pproximately 300 individuals participated in the two-day Russell Biven Clayfest, presented by Cherokee Distributing in memory of Herb Ogle. This year's tournament exceeded its target and raised more than \$97,000.

Russell Biven hosts the tournament to benefit mental health, substance use, social and victim services provided by the McNabb Center in East Tennessee.







The McNabb Center and Russell Biven Clayfest Committee were saddened to learn of the passing of our dear friend Mickey Burns, owner of the Chilhowee Sportsman's Club. He will be missed.

UPCOMING FOUNDATION EVENTS

he McNabb Center is thrilled to host the 2021 Knoxville Challenger, a seven day professional tennis event, held in Knoxville, Tennessee from November 8-14, 2021 at the Goodfriend Indoor Tennis Center. The Challenger series is part of the USTA Pro Circuit series, which is designed to provide opportunities to aspiring young international professional tennis players to advance to top levels of the game.

For more information, please visit knoxchallenger.com.



lease join us for the inaugural Sunset Shenanigans Cosmic Drive and Putt at The Club at Gettysvue on October 18, 2021 to support programs and services that serve thousands of children, adults and families in our community. Sunset Shenanigans cosmic drive & putt challenge is a one-of-a-kind event in East Tennessee benefiting the McNabb Center.

For more information, please visit mcnabbfoundation.org/ sunset.





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Through the Helen Ross McNabb Foundation's giving options, you have the opportunity to leave a legacy starting today. There are many ways you can create a brighter future for children, adults and families in East Tennessee by remembering the McNabb Center in your financial planning or giving through special events, programs and campaigns. For more information, please call the Foundation at (865) 541-6684.

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