The Mental Health Association of Okaloosa Walton

Announces with Great Pleasure

The establishment of the

Joe P. Skelly Children’s Therapy Scholarship

The scholarship is a tribute to honor the professional career of Joe P. Skelly, LMHC, licensed clinical psychotherapist. Funded by an anonymous donor, the $50,000.00 scholarship provides for the mental health needs of impoverished children who require intense levels of psychiatric treatment. The Mental Health Association is honored to be entrusted with the care and management of the scholarship for children in need in Okaloosa and Walton counties.

Skelly, an award winning mental health therapist is the CEO of Joseph P. Skelly P.A., operating as Lorien Counseling of Mary Esther, FL. Skelly is also the President of Emerald Coast Mental Health Counselors Association and Regional Director of the Florida Mental Health Counselors Association. He is the previous winner of the MHA’s Treatment Professional of the Year Award and has been a leading activist for the mental health community and the mentally ill since the 1980’s.

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Is honored to announce our

2020-2021

MHA Humanitarian of the Year

Barbara Gilley, RPh
Sam’s Club Pharmacy, Manager, FWB

Barbara Gilley is the co-founder of the MHA’s Psychiatric Medication Assistance Program, is the previous winner of MHA’s Prestigious Omni Award, and the recipient of the MHA’s Board Member of the Year Award. She was also named the 2005 Regional Community Pharmacist of the Year by Sam’s Club.

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MHA Treatment Professional of the Year

Larry McFarland, LMHC
Bridgeway Clinical Officer

Larry McFarland, LMHC, has successfully counseled numerous individuals and families during 35 years at Bridgeway Center Inc. He holds the MHA’s Extraordinary Achievement Award, the MHA Board Member of the Year Award, and is the 2021 recipient of the State of Florida Clinical Administrator of the Year Award by the Florida Behavioral Health Association.

Congratulations to Our Winners