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MHRB Honors Residents in Annual Exceptional People Awards

*Annual awards recognize contributions to mental health and recovery work in Clark, Greene & Madison Counties*

SPRINGFIELD, OH (Nov. 17, 2020) – Mental Health Recovery Board of Clark, Greene & Madison Counties (MHRB) today recognizes local individuals in its annual Exceptional People Awards. The various awards honor people who have made significant contributions to mental health and recovery in MHRB’s tri-county area.

“These individuals exemplify leadership through service, as recognized by their colleagues and community members,” said Dr. Greta Mayer, CEO of MHRB. “Especially at a time when mental health and recovery services are facing higher demands than before, we are fortunate to have so many individuals in our community who go above and beyond to help others.”

The following individuals in Clark County received awards for their outstanding contributions:

- Carey McKee, prevention specialist at McKinley Hall, received the Richard Wehler Award for outstanding contributions to alcohol and drug services in Clark County
- Cindy Price earned the Delvin M. Harshaw Advocate of the Year Award for her outstanding contributions toward advocacy in the community, which include her selfless and tireless volunteer work towards the development of Clark County's LOSS team.
- Paul Jenkins, site aide at NAMI Clark Greene Madison, received the Max Graves Award for outstanding contributions to mental health in Clark County
- Noah Chesshir and Adelaide Powell, co-presidents of Bringing Awareness to Students (BATS), received the Youth Leader Award for their work in bettering their schools and community, and for spreading positivity during the pandemic
- Erin Fawley, director of community health & accreditation for Madison County Public Health and chairperson for the We C.A.R.E. Coalition, received the Jon “Charlie” Alder Award for her outstanding contributions to mental health, alcohol and drug services. She is credited with championing multiple lifesaving initiatives, including the Madison County Community Health Improvement Plan and Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone).
- Melissa Walters, clinical coordinator at Greene Leaf received the Carol Wichman Award for outstanding contributions to mental health in Greene County
- Laura Arnette, substance use counselor at DeCoach Rehabilitation Center, received the Charles Christopher Award for her outstanding contributions to alcohol and drug services in Greene County

- Jeff Moore, chemical dependence counselor at Christopher House, was recognized as MHRB's Person of the Year for his outstanding contributions toward treatment, prevention & recovery supports

For more information about mental health and substance use resources in Clark, Greene and Madison counties, please visit the MHRB website at [www.mhrb.org](http://www.mhrb.org).

#### **ABOUT MHRB**

Mental Health Recovery Board of Clark, Greene & Madison Counties (MHRB) assists partners, stakeholders, residents, and anyone at risk of mental health or substance use concerns in our three-county area, providing pathways to mental health and addiction services. In collaboration with more than 20 care providers, the board advocates for the mental health needs and facilitates delivery of quality care for all ages, regardless of income or ability to pay.

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