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Counseling Connections for Change, Inc.

Mental Health Matters fundraiser to feature speaker Medal of Honor recipient Staff Sgt. Ty M. Carter

Staff Sgt. Ty Carter will be the featured speaker at the 2nd Annual Mental Health Matters Fundraising Event on April 28 at 6:00 p.m. at Reflection Bay Event Center, located at 12234 Shadow Creek Pkwy.

The event is hosted by Counseling Connections for Change, Inc. a non-denominational, 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. "Our vision is to strengthen mental health in Brazoria County and our mission is to put Christian principles into practice through programs that build healthy individuals, families and community," said Chief Development Officer Charlotte Selvera. The event precludes Mental Health Month in May.

Carter received the Medal of Honor for actions during the battle at Combat Outpost Keating in Afghanistan. An outpost in Afghanistan's Nuristan Province was surrounded by almost 300 insurgents who opened fire with automatic rifles and rocket-propelled grenades the morning of October 3, 2009. Fifty-three Americans were stationed there; eight were killed in battle and 25 were wounded, including Carter, who suffered hearing loss, shrapnel injuries and a concussion.

Carter will share his struggle with Post-Traumatic Stress. He advises those suffering from post-traumatic stress to "get help." While difficult, Staff Sgt. Carter adds that counseling is the only way to heal. Counseling Connections is committed to bringing mental health awareness to the community and reducing the stigma of mental illness.

"The greatest desire of Counseling Connections for Change, Inc. is to provide counseling and healthy relationship training to our clients without the burden of financial constraints," said Chief Executive Officer Dawn Lawless, LCSW, LSOTP.

"Unfortunately, many of our neighbors are without healthcare benefits or receive state-funded benefits, which create an expense shortage between benefit reimbursement rates and operating costs," said Lawless. "In 2015, we served 1,145 clients. We had to turn away 1,084 clients. The need for services is great. We have capacity issues. 26% of our services were provided to those who qualify for government assistance, including Medicaid, military benefits and the uninsured. Many of our clients depend on outside community support. Sponsor and individual contributions will help us continue to meet the needs of our clients," she added.

All of the therapists with Counseling Connections are licensed through the state or are working on a graduate degree in the mental health field. "We integrate Christian principles with evidence-based interventions," said Lawless.

Information about Counseling Connections for Change, Inc. as well as ticket and sponsorship information may be found at CounselingConnections.org.

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ALVIN ISD EMPLOYEE INVITES LIFE SKILLS CLASSES TO RODEO COOK-OFF

On Friday, February 26, 2016, Alvin ISD building mechanic, Mike Ybarra and his cook team, the Triple B Cookers, invited students from Nolan Ryan JH, Manvel JH and Rodeo Palms JH to the Houston Rodeo Cook-Off for the 3rd Annual Life Skills Day for Alvin ISD.

"This is always a great day for the Triple B Cookers. It's a great time for the kids to come out, have a good time, and give them some experiences and memories to take back with them," said Mike Ybarra, Alvin ISD building mechanic and member of the Triple B Cook Team.

THE STUDENTS LOOK FORWARD TO THIS DAY EACH YEAR.

"This is the third year that the kids have come out and they enjoy it so much. They eat as much as they want and they dance, they just have a really good time," said Manvel JH Life Skills Teacher, Lisa Simpson.

"Just seeing the smiles on their faces. They have cowboy hats and bandanas, goody bags and food. And to know that Mr. Ybarra and his cook team take the time out to do this for these kids, it means the world to me and I know it means the world to the kids," added Raymond Root, Principal of Manvel Junior High.

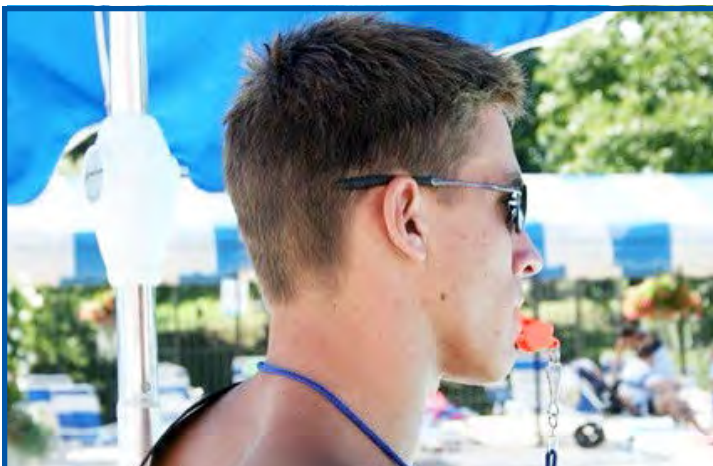
"We appreciate Mike Ybarra and his Triple B Cook Team and

the way they come together for our kids. Mr. Ybarra is such a great employee with a big heart. I can't say how lucky we are to have an employee like that," said Alvin ISD Superintendent Buck Gilcrease.

Thank you to Mike Ybarra and the Triple B Cookers for a wonderful day.



Alvin ISD life skills students have a great time at the Rodeo Cook-Off.



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Local nonprofit spreads awareness of childhood cancer at 288 Rotary Club Meeting

The founder and president of the local nonprofit KidsRStrong2 (KRS2), Tomika Gamble, recently stopped by the 288 Rotary Club meeting to spread awareness of childhood cancer, and to encourage Rotary members to get involved in the fight against the number one disease killer in children.

Gamble, whose son at the age of 9 is already a childhood cancer survivor, has a passion for supporting children and families in need.

"Through my family's struggle and battle with cancer, it became my mission to ensure that my son's battle was not in vain. With that drive, came KidsRStrong2," said Gamble.

Gamble's son Isaiah battled a rare form of lung cancer at the age of 3, called Pleuropulmonary Blastoma (PPB), Type 3. During his battle he endured 12 rounds of chemotherapy and 25 rounds of radiation, as well as numerous surgeries and blood transfusions. With prayers and the support of community members the family was able to get through the difficult time.

"Lots of prayers, a strong faith and a supportive group of family, friends and community members truly helped," mentioned Gamble.

According to Gamble, it was the compassion and kindness of many that taught her the importance of giving back and paying it forward.

"This community did so much for us, and now it's our turn to give back to our community, through this great organization," Gamble said.

KidsRStrong2 is an organization that not only raises awareness of various life-threatening illnesses, but also has a mission of supporting children in the areas of special programs, research, and scholarships for survivors.

"We work daily to provide for our local families by establishing beneficial programs to get them through what may be the most difficult time in their lives," added Gamble.

The organization prides itself on filling the gaps, rather than simply duplicating efforts.

"We strive to work closely with social workers and other hospital personnel to appropriately supply needed support for families,"

That support can come in the form of survival bags for new patients, family support groups, gift cards for gas, food and other necessities, as well as meal donations, and so much more.

But it doesn't stop there. As mentioned by local father of a young girl, Mikayla, who recently lost her life to a rare form of brain cancer, Diffuse Intrinsic Pontine Glioma (DIPG), "KidsRStrong2 takes a holistic approach when helping families. They are constantly thinking of the whole family and how they can assist during your trial," mentioned Rodney Quindoy, parent and MD Anderson nurse. "We cannot thank KidsRStrong2 enough for the assistance that they provided when we needed it most."

For additional information on KidsRStrong2 and how you can help local families through the organization, visit www.kidsrstrong2.org.



At the first Rotary meeting of the month of March, Tomika Gamble, founder and president of KidsRStrong2 (KRS2) shared information on the organization and how attendees can provide assistance to families in need through KRS2. She is pictured with her son Isaiah, a survivor of a rare form of lung cancer, and the Quindoy family, who recently lost a child to a rare form of brain cancer. During the meeting the Quindoys publicly shared their testimony for the first time since their daughter passed away in December 2015, and encouraged others to partner with KRS2 so that even more children and families in need can be helped.

Tomika Gamble is pictured with son, Isaiah Gamble, who battled cancer at the age of 3 and is now 9 years old.



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One of our newest members and Vice President of Member Services, Ginu Thomas says, "I'd have to do oral presentations frequently working as a medical researcher. The first time when I had an oral presentation, I was nervous and fumbled all along. That's when I decided I had to get better at this and joined West Pearland Toastmasters club. I went on to win a best oral presentation award in American Society of Neuro Radiology. Currently I feel more confident when I am facing interviews for my medical residency applications. Thanks to Toastmasters!"

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Honey bees are beneficial by producing honey, wax and pollinating crops. With warmer temperatures, honey bees are becoming more active and may soon begin to swarm.

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Sometimes, honey bee colonies can be found in wall voids, chimneys, attics or sheds. If bees are in a wall void, DO NOT block their entrance; this makes them search for another way to exit and could lead bees into the structure. To keep bees from entering a home, seal any holes found in walls where pipes enter the home, cracks in

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While many enjoy having honey bees around, some people are severely allergic to their venom. This, along with other situations, such as bees located near sensitive areas (such as playgrounds) may require removal or even extermination of the bees.

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Here's just some of the student's waiting for a host family this year

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GONZALO, Spain, 16, Male

Top three interests: Computers & Technology, Skiing or Travel

Shu-Ruei, Taiwan, 15, Female

Top three interests: Music, Photography, Running or Jogging

Mathilde, France, 15, Female

Top three interests: Family Activities, Reading, Swimming

Henrik, Germany, 15, Male

Top three interests: Bike Riding, Music, Soccer

Koshin, Japan, 16, Male

Top three interests: Baseball, Sports, Swimming

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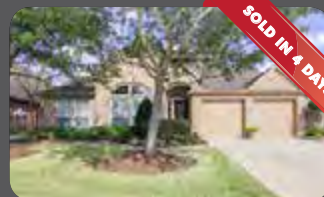
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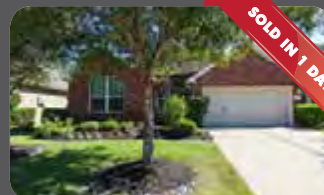
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