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By Charles Odell, CEO

Our community is in the grips of an addiction epidemic. More Americans died from opioid overdoses in 2016 than died in the entirety of the Vietnam War. Addiction to other drugs, including alcohol, is also on the rise. Last year, the Dilworth Center experienced a 56% increase in treatment admissions compared to the year before. This was the largest annual increase we have seen in our entire 27-year history. This year, we are on track to treat even more patients and family members than we did last year.

As the current demand for treatment services reaches an all-time high, access to effective and affordable treatment is more critically important than ever before. As a local non-profit, mission-driven organization, the Dilworth Center is doing what we can to meet this record-breaking demand for care. One way in which we have addressed this demand is by establishing the Christina Browning Scholarship Fund. This Fund was established in 2016 in order to provide financial assistance to those who could not otherwise afford the cost of treatment. It is named in memory of Christina Lynne Browning.

This fall, the Dilworth Center will host the first annual Fundraising Breakfast supporting the Christina Browning Scholarship Fund. Our goal is to increase accessibility to treatment for as many people as possible by reducing some of the financial barriers preventing them from seeking help. 100% of the funds raised will go directly into the scholarship fund. 100% of the scholarship fund supports direct patient care.

You can help make a difference in the lives of those who cannot otherwise afford the cost of treatment. For more information about the Christina Browning Scholarship Fund or to make a reservation for the Christina Browning Scholarship Fundraising Breakfast, contact Cynthia Sims at cynthia@dilworthcenter.org or by calling 704-372-6969. You may also visit <https://www.dilworthcenter.org/donations/ChristinaBrowningScholarshipFund>.



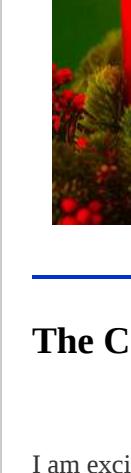
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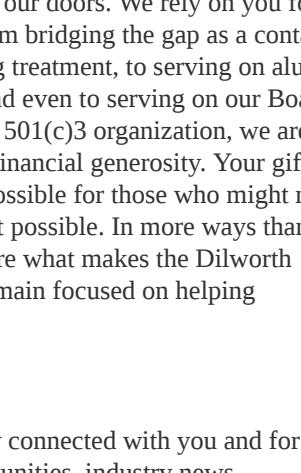
Charles@dilworthcenter.org**Dilworth Center & Children's Theater Partnership**

By Kelly Little, MSW Treatment Facilitator

One of the unique aspects of the treatment we provide at Dilworth Center is our family program. We have a profound understanding of how addiction impacts family members of all ages and therefore, we work to provide education and support for these loved ones on a weekly basis. For this reason, when the ABC Board connected us with the Children's Theater of Charlotte last year and recommended that we assist them with their LIARS play, we were thrilled to help. LIARS is a production put on for all 8th graders in CMS schools about addiction. It is a powerful performance that chronicles the lives of 2 teens with addicted parents, illustrating the biological aspect of addiction, as well as the codependent patterns that can exist within addicted families. Last year, Dilworth Center assisted the actors and other staff members in better understanding the disease of addiction and creating a pre- and post- show that provides education and support for children who may know someone with addiction or use substances themselves. Ultimately, the goal of LIARS is to encourage people to seek help for themselves, and know that they are not alone. Through our collaboration, it was amazing to see the impact that this play had on teachers, administrators, and students last year, and we are happy to announce that we are now working with the Children's Theater of Charlotte on their 2017 production of LIARS. While most of the shows are closed and only available to students, there will be an open performance of Imagination on October 10th at 7:30pm. Tickets are free, but seats are limited, so registration will be required on the theater's website.

Kelly Little, MSW, LCSWA
Treatment Facilitator**Board Member Highlight - Mary Howerton**

Many thanks go out to Mary Howerton for her leadership as board chair for the Dilworth Center. Throughout her career, Mary has been passionate about mental health and in particular about addiction. She has served the board for the past six years with distinction and it has been a privilege to serve with her. Mary has quietly made a crease in the fabric of life which has altered the course of many who suffer from the awful disease of addiction. A tireless advocate, she has challenged all of us to make a difference in the world and done it with grace. I am excited to be Mary's successor and know that I have big shoes to fill. That being said, I am very excited about the Center and the staff. They continue to make a significant impact with the disease of addiction throughout the region.

Tim Ignasher
President

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Counselor Diane Frederick

By Kelly Little, MSW Treatment Facilitator

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