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STARTING DISCUSSIONS AND RECOGNIZING VOLUNTEERS IN TOLEDO

Toledo Area Ministries Announces Upcoming Community Events

The Toledo Area Ministries team announces two very important upcoming events open to the public. The next Community Forum is next Thursday April 29th at Glenwood Lutheran Church (2545 Monroe Street, Toledo) from 9am-1pm. The topic is “Mental Illness and the Church—How Does the Church Relate to the Mentally Ill in Our Community?” The 3rd Annual Impact Banquet is also rapidly approaching, taking place May 4th at the Maritime Center (1701 Front Street, Toledo) at 5:30pm.

The Community Forums are designed to be discussion starters about issues and projects going on in our community. They encourage collaborations between different agencies and ministries and work to improve our ability to serve in the community. The latest forum will be an open dialogue about people dealing with mental illness and the church response. It will include a panel of experts in the mental health field led by Jacqueline Martin the Executive Director of the Mental Health and Recovery Services Board of Lucas County. Join us to find out how we can better respond to the needs of those with a mental illness, and where our strengths and weaknesses lie as a faith community. Reservations are \$25 and include a networking lunch and all materials provided. Please RSVP by April 28th.

The Impact Banquet recognizes yearly the volunteers and leaders who are making a difference in our community and working as a force for positive change in Toledo. We honor not only our awardees but all the people who serve the Toledo area and we encourage all churches, ministries, companies and agencies alike to treat your volunteers to this night out. The evening includes fine catered dinner, live music, and an awards ceremony. The Awards this year include: the Nancy Lee Atkins Award for Faith-based Justice Work going to Ms. Lenora Berry, the Carol Jean Bird Award for Exceptional Work Under Age 30 going to Ms. Danielle Keyes, the Pastor Robert A. Culp Award for Impact Beyond a Local Parish going to Rev. Don Fothergill, the Lola Glover Award for service to TAM going to Ms. Karen Krause and the Director’s Award for significant community impact going to Judge Any Devine. Tickets are \$35/person and must be purchased by April 29th.

For more information about these events or to purchase tickets please call Toledo Area Ministries at 419-242-7401.

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