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Fairfield County ADAMH Board announces 2022 Friend of ADAMH Award winners

LANCASTER, Ohio, February 16 — The Fairfield County Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health (ADAMH) Board has chosen Tamara Bartek of the Fairfield County Municipal Court, Amy McCafferty of Fairfield County 2-1-1 (Information & Referral), and Dawn Campbell Lavey of Dalan House and Starrit House to receive the 2022 Friend of ADAMH Awards that will be presented at The Fairfield County ADAMH Board Annual Dinner: The Masks We Wear on March 22, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Cheers Chalet, 1211 Coonpath Road N.W., Lancaster.

Annually, the Fairfield County ADAMH Board presents up to three Friend of ADAMH Awards to individuals, agencies, groups and/or organizations who embody the Fairfield County ADAMH Board mission and vision.

“The ADAMH Board was fortunate enough this year to receive from community members an unprecedented number of nominations, which were all strong submissions that made choosing difficult,” says ADAMH Executive Director Marcy Fields, LISW-S. “The 2022 Friend of ADAMH Award recipients have gone above and beyond ‘To promote healing and recovery for persons with a mental health or addiction disorder within our community, create opportunities for treatment, wellness, and recovery for those with mental health and/or addiction disorders, and advance a Continuum of Care philosophy.’”

Spearheading Supreme Court of Ohio certification for Drug Court and a resurrected Mental Health Court, Bartek is the director of Probation Services/Specialty Dockets coordinator in Fairfield County. “Bridging a gap between the criminal justice system and mental health and addiction treatment services, leveraging grant funds to enhance ADAMH services, and treating those with addiction, mental health and developmental conditions with dignity,” a nominator wrote, “Tamara Bartek truly demonstrates a commitment to the mission and vision of the ADAMH Board both professionally and personally and is a ‘Friend of ADAMH.’” Given the implications of the pandemic and the needs of community members already struggling with mental health and substance use disorders, Bartek also invented innovative and unique ways to keep participants engaged over the last 24 months.

When McCafferty was hired as representative payee at Fairfield County 2-1-1 after being a student intern through Ohio University – Lancaster’s social work program, there were 12 clients. Now there are 110 people being served. “Many of the clients that Amy works with have severe and chronic mental illness and struggle with communication and building positive relationships,” adds a nominator. “Amy can communicate effectively with her clients and in most cases is the first positive relationship they form.” In addition, McCafferty ensures no disruption of service by training and supervising the individuals who answer the Mental Health Crisis Hotline.

With over 41 years of healthcare experience, Lavey is a licensed nursing home administrator, Ohio Adult Care Facilities Association Board member, and a stakeholder of the Fairfield Housing Coalition and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' Quality Care Initiative. She owns and operates two residential care facilities that care for 22 residents dealing with mental health disorders. "In addition to providing a safe home, delicious meals, and constant support/care, Dawn transports residents to their appointments, stores and activities when needed," states a nominator. "She has one of the kindest hearts and is full of patience and love."

During the upcoming in-person annual dinner event, the ADAMH Board will officially recognize the award winners. The event is open to the public at a cost of \$10 per registration to help defray the expenses incurred for the buffet-style meals attendees will receive. Individuals who wish to register should visit <https://www.fairfieldadamh.org/Trainings-Events-Information.html>. The deadline for all registrations is March 4, 2022.

The Fairfield County ADAMH Board is responsible for the planning, funding and monitoring of mental health, addiction and recovery services in Fairfield County. ADAMH promotes wellness and recovery from mental health and substance use disorders by providing a continuum of care consisting of prevention, recovery and community support services for those affected by substance use disorders and/or mental health disorders in Fairfield County. For more information, visit www.fairfieldadamh.org.

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