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The Annual Jeanne E. Jonas Professional Development Symposium and Frank W. Masterson Memorial Banquet

Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc, Orange County Department of Mental Health and Orange Regional Medical Center are pleased to announce yet another successful Jeanne E. Jonas Symposium and Frank W. Masterson Memorial Banquet. This event was held on November 19, 2015 at Kuhl's Highland House. The Frank W. Masterson Distinguished Service Award was presented to Angela Jo Henze, Division Director & Privacy Officer at Mental Health Association in Orange County, Inc. and Sean Gerow, Director, ACCESS: Supports for Living, for their collective and individual commitment to prevent suicide in our community and beyond. Orange County is very appreciative of all their support in providing gatekeeper training for the entire community for the past ten years. In addition, they have worked tirelessly to promote the mission of the Suicide Prevention Task Force, "Friends Help Friends". As a result, lives have been saved in Orange County and Angela and Sean have been essential partners in all these efforts.

The topic of this year's Jeanne E. Jonas Professional Development Symposium was

"THE IMPACT OF SEXUAL ASSAULT IN OUR COMMUNITY, WHY AREN'T WE TALKING ABOUT IT?"

Keynote Speaker

Elizabeth Cronin, Director of NYS Office of Victim Services

Followed by a Special Panel Presentation:

David Hoovler, Orange County District Attorney

Darcie Miller, Commissioner, Orange County Dept. of Social Services and
Orange County Dept. of Mental Health

Debbie de Jong, Associate Executive Director and

Jennifer Valastro, Victim Services Community Education Coordinator, Mental Health Association
in Orange County, Inc.

This event received rave reviews and was overwhelmingly well attended.

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