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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 10, 2013 at Kuhl's Highland House. The Frank W. Masterson Distinguished Service Award was presented to Doug Hovey, Executive Director of Independent Living, Inc., for his many years of dedicated, professional service and significant contributions to enhancing the quality of life for persons with disabilities in Orange County.

The topic of this year's Jeanne E. Jonas Professional Development Symposium was "Therapeutic Justice" AN ALTERNATIVE TO JAILS, EMERGENCY ROOMS AND THE STREETS FOR MANY CITIZENS WHO ARE SEVERLY ILL AND VULNERABLE; UTILIZING THE PUBLIC SAFETY NET IN A COST EFFICIENT MANNER AND ULTIMATLEY IMPROVING QUALITY OF LIFE TO ALL was presented by Leon Evans. A passionate and lifelong advocate for improving the quality of mental health care. Leon has worked in hospitals, community organizations and state agencies throughout his career. As head of the Center for Health Care Services for over a decade, he developed an award-winning jail diversion program and has become a national leader in improving mental health care through multi-stakeholder collaboration.

This event received rave reviews and was overwhelmingly well attended.

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