

Date of Event: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 12:00 pm

**Location**: Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 N. Main Street, Niles, Ohio **Description**: Annual "Rising Up and Moving On" Community Luncheon

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## Trumbull County Children Services to host annual awards luncheon April 16

*NILES, Ohio* –Trumbull County Children Services will hold its 23<sup>rd</sup> annual "Rising Up and Moving On" recognition luncheon on Tuesday, April 16, at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. The theme for 2024 is "A New Chapter" in celebration of the fresh beginnings for our award recipients. Leaders from family service agencies, court and government officials, law enforcement, school and healthcare advocates, foster parents, along with agency employees and board members, will be in attendance to recognize these achievements. Each year the agency selects members of the community to receive the Rising Up and Moving On, Sister Jean Orsuto Service to Children, and Executive Director Awards.

We welcome Joel Potts, Department of Children and Youth Government & External Affairs Deputy Director, as the Master of Ceremonies.

This year, our featured speaker will be Kelly "The Ghost" Pavlik, Valley native and former middleweight champion. Mr. Pavlik had a successful boxing career and currently owns Mi Gym Fitness Center, a charitable organization promoting wellness in youth and senior fitness. It also houses The Ghost Boxing Club, where he continues to teach young athletes.

The Rising Up and Moving On Award honors Trumbull County families who, despite adversity, embraced the agency services and the community resources available to them to successfully rebuild and sustain a safe, healthy home for their children. The Rising Up and Moving On recipients include: Kay'la Daniels & Patricia Simmons.

The *Sister Jean Orsuto Service to Children Award* honors community members who worked with the agency to advocate and bring public awareness to the struggles faced by children and families in our community. These individuals work behind the scenes, yet their impact is profound. The Sister Jean Orsuto Service to Children recipients include Nicole Emerine & Paige Soltis and Monica Groves.

For more information, please contact our Community Liaison/Recruitment Specialist Hannah Telesz at 330-372-2010, ext. 1343 or Hannah.telesz@jfs.ohio.gov. Media contact on the day of the event: Hannah Telesz, 724-971-2716.

Trumbull County Children Services, in partnership with families and the community, protects and advocates for children in crisis or at risk of abuse and neglect. The Agency assesses risk and builds on family strengths in seeking to maintain or reunite children with safe families. We perform this mandate with compassion, respect, and professionalism to families in Trumbull County.

<u>NOTE</u>: The narratives of the "Rising Up and Moving On" and "Service to Children" award recipients are included in this press release. Please do not disclose the details of the narratives until after the event.