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Date of Event: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 12:00 pm

Location: DiVieste's Banquet Centre, 754 N. River Rd., Warren, Ohio

Description: Annual "Rising Up and Moving On" Community Luncheon

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Trumbull County Children Services to host annual awards luncheon

WARREN, Ohio –Trumbull County Children Services will hold its annual "**Rising Up and Moving On**" recognition luncheon on Tuesday, April 15, at DiVieste's Banquet Centre. The theme for 2025 is "Hope flutters on painted wings, reminding us that transformation is possible" 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 Mike Wilson, Director of Trumbull County SCOPE, as the Master of Ceremonies.

This year, our featured speaker will be Christine Snipes, PT, DPT, Doctor of Physical Therapy. Christine was born in Youngstown, Ohio. At the age of 18 months, she was placed into the care of Mahoning County Children Services Board. She suffered the loss of two children and many years of physical and emotional abuse. With the help of God, her church, and law enforcement, she was able to escape the abuse. Christine graduated from YSU in 2005 with a BSAS in exercise science and a Doctorate in Physical Therapy in 2008. Christine was appointed to serve as the associate pastor of Agape Assembly in 2018 and serves on the advisory board of Someplace Safe, a shelter dedicated to helping the victims of domestic violence.

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 Jennifer Drvodelic and Brittany Tadsen.

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 Ken Bigley, Dan Bereck, Deputy Jay First, Attorney Thomas Carey, and Luther Stubbs.

The **Executive Director Award** is awarded by our Executive Director, Marilyn Pape, for outstanding dedication to keeping children safe in our community. The recipient is kept a secret until the ceremony.

For more information, please contact our Community Liaison/Recruitment Specialist Allesha Ciminero at 330-372-2010, ext. 1343 or allesha.ciminero@jfs.ohio.gov. Media contact on the day of the event: Allesha Ciminero, 330-507-1671.

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.

NOTE: 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.**