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Community Based Connections to Host 4th Annual Green Blazer Awards Gala Honoring Champions of Community Health

Fort Lauderdale, FL – Community Based Connections, Inc. (CBC) is thrilled to announce its **4th Annual Green Blazer Awards Gala**, celebrating remarkable contributions to community health and wellness across South Florida. The gala will be held on **Saturday, October 11, 2025**, beginning with **cocktails at 6 PM** and officially kicking off at **7 PM**, at the stunning **Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort**, located at **321 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33304**.

This signature event recognizes and honors exceptional individuals and organizations who have demonstrated unwavering commitment to youth, families, and social justice in Broward County and beyond. The Green Blazer symbolizes legacy, leadership, and the pursuit of equity—a powerful emblem bestowed upon trailblazers who are making meaningful, measurable impact in their communities.

An Evening of Purpose, Power, and Prestige

Now in its fourth year, the Green Blazer Awards Gala has become one of the most anticipated community events in South Florida. Attendees will experience an inspiring program that includes live entertainment, heartfelt stories, and the highly anticipated presentation of the coveted **Green Blazer Award** to this year’s honorees—whose contributions exemplify the spirit of service, advocacy, and transformative change.

The gala will recognize outstanding individuals that have made a meaningful, lasting impact on community health. Each honoree embodies these values through their esteemed work and dedication to the communities they serve.

Symbolizing legacy, leadership, and the unwavering pursuit of health equity, this year’s 2025 Green Blazer Award Health Honorees are:

- **Timothy Curtin**, *Memorial Healthcare System*
- **Rosalyn Frazier**, *Health Choice Network*
- **Kathy Salerno**, *Broward Health*
- **Kenneth Walters**, *Community Care Plan*

“This night is about lifting up the voices and victories of those who often work behind the scenes to make life better for others,” said CBCI CEO **Mikelange “Mike” Olbel**. “The Green Blazer is more than an award—it’s a recognition of legacy in motion and a firm understanding that our honorees exemplify what it means to expand options that changes the odds for underserved communities.”

Why It Matters

Community Based Connections, Inc. has spent nearly two decades building pathways of support for vulnerable youth and families, through evidence-based programs and strategic partnerships. The Green Blazer Awards Gala not only honors change-makers but also raises critical funds to support CBCI’s year-round initiatives focused on family strengthening, mental health, mentorship, and community resilience.

A Night to Inspire

Attendees can expect a moving and memorable evening featuring:

- Inspirational stories from this year’s honorees
- Live entertainment
- Networking with leaders in government, nonprofit, civic sectors, and public health
- A shared commitment to CBCI’s mission of uplifting youth and families

Date: Saturday, October 11, 2025

Venue: The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, 321 N Fort Lauderdale Beach Blvd

Cocktail Hour: 6 PM | **Program:** 7 PM

Tickets, Sponsorship, and More

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets are available now. To learn more about the event or to support Community Based Connections’ mission, visit:

<https://communitybasedconnections.com/gala>.

About Community Based Connections, Inc.

Community Based Connections, Inc. is a nonprofit organization dedicated to strengthening families, empowering youth, and advancing equity throughout South Florida. Since its founding, CBCI has impacted thousands of lives by addressing the root causes of poverty, trauma, and systemic inequality through prevention-focused and culturally responsive services.

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