



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2014 Mental Health Champions!

These individuals have demonstrated exemplary courage and commitment to overcoming the challenges of their mental illness, developmental disability, or addiction disorder, and have made life better for themselves and others in their community. Not only do these Champions demonstrate personal courage through their actions, they encourage many others and strengthen their communities.

Please congratulate the 2014 Mental Health Champions!

Ms. LuAnn Reese, Middlebrook

Mr. Quentin Miller, Bowling Green

Mr. Robert Harrison, Columbia

These Champions will be recognized and celebrated at the Mental Health Champions' Banquet on Tuesday, June 3rd in Jefferson City - MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Ms. LuAnn Reese

LuAnn's energy level and devotion to her job are endless! Raising and advocating for a child/youth with both mental illness and a developmental disability, while also living as an adult consumer of mental health services, is challenging. In her mid 30s, she was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, but this has not slowed her. She has used her experience to reach out and impact hundreds of other families and youth. She has been involved in numerous national and statewide programs, and currently serves as the Department of Mental Health (DMH) Statewide Family Support Coordinator. She has joined the DMH-Division of Behavioral Health Supported Employment Fidelity Review Team as a reviewer, in order to promote employment as a mental health intervention for transition age youth. LuAnn is passionate about making sure families are heard, and is known for her ability to listen to others and "pull out" the strengths of individuals she meets!

Mr. Quentin Miller

Quentin has truly blossomed and become an inspiration to others! He began his journey with Self-Directed Supports in 2011. Through this program, and gaining independence over his living situation, he serves as a role model for what others can do. Quentin is currently doing some work with Project STIR, an organization focused on independence, and has been a guest speaker at their conference. He is a member of the safety committee at Pike County Agency for Developmental Disabilities and also active in the People's First organization in Hannibal. He does a great deal of volunteer work with the local YMCA, Sheriff's Office and Camp Wonderland. Quentin is always willing to motivate others and to share his story!

Mr. Robert Harrison

Robert is known for his compassion, positive outlook, and his ability to encourage others! For more than half his life, Robert had run from the judicial system, but now he is working to help individuals turn their lives around. In 1990, Robert decided he wanted to change his life and went to treatment for the first time. When he moved to Columbia three years later, he was able to get his life on track. He attended Columbia College and earned a degree in criminal justice. In 2001, Robert finished his master's degree with a Master of Science in Criminal Justice. He also obtained his certification from the State of Missouri as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor. He worked as a Juvenile Officer and then hired as a counselor with the Reality House Program, a community corrections and treatment center. In 2013, Robert was appointed as the Client Services Director with Reality House Programs. He also serves on various committees and is active in his community. Robert believes people need a chance to change and guides people to treatment. He is an outstanding example for others!

Information on reservations and sponsorship opportunities for the Champions' Banquet will be provided soon.

The Missouri Mental Health Foundation (MMHF) is dedicated to helping Missourians understand the importance of mental health and building hope for persons who experience the impact of mental illness, developmental disabilities and addiction disorders. For more information, contact Patty Henry at mmhf@MissouriMHF.org.