



Bridgeway's Chairperson's Dinner Honors Mark T. Williams

As New Jersey's leading nonprofit mental health and substance use rehabilitation and recovery organization, Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services serves thousands of New Jersey residents in ten counties by providing urgent care, outpatient counseling, and short-term and long-term mental health services.

To meet the growing need for these services, Bridgeway receives help from many individuals who serve their community by supporting Bridgeway. This year's Bridgeway Annual Chairperson's Dinner honors the contributions of Mark T. Williams, BSN, RN-BC, a nurse, mental healthcare advocate, community activist, and volunteer. The event will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2023, at 373 Clermont Terrace in Union, New Jersey.

"Mark Williams has touched thousands of people throughout his career as a psychiatric nurse and decades as an ally to anyone who needed his support. When I learned of his passion for mental health care in 2011, I asked Mark to serve as a Board Trustee, and he later served as Chairman. Our Chairperson's Dinner celebrates his contributions to Bridgeway's success and our shared accomplishments," said Cory Storch, CEO of Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services.

"This year, 'A Spirit of Unity' is the theme of our event," said event host and Chairperson of Bridgeway's Board of Trustees, Marlene Baldinger, a Critical Care trained Registered Nurse, Director of Quality, Risk Management and Safety, and a Lebanon, New Jersey, councilwoman. "Mark has spent his career advocating for mental health services and social justice. His efforts have not only helped Bridgeway grow and flourish, but he also continues to bring to light the cultural stigma which affects individuals with mental illness, their loved ones and families. Mark's dedication to education, empowerment, and equality have been core to the mission of Bridgeway and the positive outcomes for persons served."

In addition to serving his former role as Bridgeway's Board Chairman, Mark is currently the President of the NAMI NJ Board. Mark was instrumental in Bridgeway's affiliation with the Woods System of Care, a partnership that will launch a future of long-lasting benefits for people needing behavioral health services and far-reaching benefits for the health care system in New Jersey.

"It has been a privilege to serve Bridgeway for the past 13 years and to watch the continued growth of this magnificent organization. I am proud of the impactful work being done for the communities we serve," said Mark Williams.

The Chairperson's Dinner includes a happy hour, dinner by Encore Caterers, a pop-up photo studio, and live music by Chip Mergott, Chuck Lambert, and AMANI, featuring Marty Eigen and Stephen Filler. Donations to Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services are tax-deductible as allowable by law. Visit <https://snwbl.it/l7slMq> for more information.

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Over the past 55 years, Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services has grown from providing one vocational program for people experiencing mental health disabilities, located in Bridgeway's founding home in the City of Elizabeth, to providing a range of urgent care, short-term and long-term services answering a growing need among our friends, neighbors and loved ones. Bridgeway services provide evidence-based treatment for mental health care, substance use, and co-morbidities in ten New Jersey counties. Services include living room model crisis intervention centers in Hudson and Union Counties, as well as extensive professional session-based counseling services. Recently, Bridgeway was chosen to provide 988 crisis response services in five NJ counties.

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