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Celebrating 30 Years of Rebuilding Lives

The Women's Recovery Center is hosting the Miracles of Recovery Breakfast presented by Risk International at the Aloft Cleveland Hotel Restaurant on the East Bank of the Flats on Thursday, April 27th beginning at 7:30am – 9am. Dr. Joan Papp, Emergency Room Physician at the MetroHealth System will be the first recipient of the Champion of Recovery Award.

Dr. Papp was selected as the first recipient of the Champion for Recovery Award from her work in the MetroHealth Emergency Room, Dr. Papp has been on the front lines of the opioid epidemic in Cuyahoga County and throughout the State, and her vision and leadership have saved countless lives. She served as the Chair of the Health Care Policy Subcommittee of the U.S. Attorney's Heroin and Opioid Task Force, founded and directs Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) and will lead MetroHealth's Office of Opioid Safety when it opens in July. We are proud to honor her for the many

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contributions she has made to the field of drug addiction treatment, prevention and education.

As the opioid epidemic has emerged as one of the most important health crisis facing our communities and families, the death rate from opioids has increased significantly since 2011. In Ohio, a life is lost every three hours from an overdose. Ohio leads the nation in per capita overdose deaths. The Miracles of Recovery Breakfast is an opportunity to celebrate the women and families that have committed to long term and supported recovery plan. This Breakfast represents the Women's Recovery Center's thirty years of Treating Addiction...Liberating Lives.

The Women's Recovery Center is a non-profit outpatient alcohol and other drug treatment facility for women and their families and receives funding from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and the Alcohol, Drug Addiction and Mental Health Services Board of Cuyahoga County, as well as, private and public foundations, corporations, United Way of Cleveland, Greater Cleveland Community Shares and individuals.

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