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News from the T-Center



Welcome to the T-Center News! We are pleased to issue our first e-newsletter to provide you with information about the T-Center, our proposed addiction treatment facility, and prevention education efforts.

As we all know, drug and alcohol abuse is a growing crisis in our country. And the opioid epidemic, in particular, is devastating the state of West Virginia, our communities and our families. The statistics are staggering:

- West Virginia has the **highest opioid death rate** in the United States.
- Nearly **900 recorded opioid deaths** in West Virginia in 2016.
- **Fifteen percent increase** in opioid deaths in West Virginia in 2016.
- One West Virginian **dies every 10 hours**.
- **Fifty percent of the workforce** in West Virginia cannot pass a drug test.

The T-Center facility, located in Charleston, WV, will represent one of the most comprehensive approaches to addiction and recovery in West Virginia. Our mission is to provide **HOPE** through a patient centered and restorative recovery program for individuals and their families and through research and education to help solve the crisis of substance abuse that has ravaged our Appalachian communities.

We are currently in the planning phase of our not-for-profit facility and are working to secure the necessary funding to operate a facility of this magnitude.

As planning continues for the T-Center's state-of-the-art addiction treatment facility, we also recognize that it will be difficult for our community to stem the rising tide of addiction unless there is a major focus on prevention education. "The T-Center is so pleased to provide funding support of \$10,000 to Kanawha County Schools for the delivery of the "Too Good for Drugs" curriculum," said T-Center President B. Scott Miller. "An investment now in our children will pay huge dividends

in the future for a healthy and productive workforce and citizenry.” Additional information about the “Too Good for Drugs” program can be found at <https://toogoodprograms.org>

Funding for the prevention education initiative was made possible from proceeds from the T-Center’s 1st Annual Golf Outing in September 2017. Additional prevention education support will be funded through this year’s golf outing to be held on September 28, 2018 at Edgewood Country Club.

Terrell Ellis & Associates has been retained to work with the T-Center. Terrell Ellis, Lisa Lopinsky and Debby Berry are working on behalf of the organization and can be reached at 304.342.6972.

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