



## **UMCH Family Services Holds Change Your Hue of Blue Blues Music Concert May 2 to Raise Awareness of Family Mental Health Issues**

**Columbus, Ohio, March 2, 2015**—UMCH Family Services, a treatment foster care, adoption and family mental health services provider, is hosting a Blues Music Benefit Concert: Change Your Hue of Blue May 2, 2015 to raise awareness around family mental health issues.

**What:** Featuring award winning, renowned Blues artists [Little G Weevil](#), [Joel DaSilva and the Midnight Howl](#) and headliner [Diunna Greenleaf and Blue Mercy](#), Change Your Hue of Blue is a Blues Music Benefit Concert to raise awareness around family mental health issues. The concert promises an epic line-up of Blues music's best artists out for one evening in Columbus to change the cultural attitude around mental health challenges families face.

**Who:** UMCH Family Services

**When:** May 2, 2015

*Private sponsors dinner with special Little G Weevil acoustic concert*

5:00 p.m. Social Hour begins

5:30 p.m. Dinner with acoustic accompaniment from Little G. Weevil, 2014 Acoustic Artist of the Year Blue Music Award Nominee  
<http://www.littlegweevil.net>

6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Family Mental Health Awareness Presentation  
Speakers include:  
Sean Reilly, UMCH Family Services

*General admission seating*

6:45 – 7:00 p.m. Registration check-in (lobby)

7:00 – 7:15 p.m. Doors open, seating begins

7:15 – 8:15 p.m. Joel DaSilva and the Midnight Howl  
<http://www.idandthehowl.com>

8:15 – 8:30 p.m. Break

8:30 – 10:00 p.m. Headliner: Diunna Greenleaf and Blue Mercy  
*Diunna is the 2014 Koko Taylor Blues Music Award Winner*  
<http://www.diunna.com>

**Where:** Northland Performing Arts Center | 4411 Tamarack Blvd, Cols, OH 43229

**Ticket Information:**

Student Tickets - \$10 each

General Admission Tickets - \$25 each

Premier Admission Tickets - \$50 each

Table seating is available for \$150/ticket (includes dinner)

Tables of 8 range from \$1000 - \$1500 per table (includes dinner)

Get tickets: <https://secure.groundworkgroup.org/register/event/ChangeYourHueOfBlue>

**Family Mental Health Awareness:**

Mental health awareness has never been more urgent. In a given year, estimates show one in four adults experience mental illness and approximately 20 percent of 13- to 18-year-olds. For 8- to 15-year-olds, the estimate is 13 percent. Sadly, many never get the help they need. Studies show 60 percent of adults, and almost half of 8-to 15-year-old children with a mental illness received no mental health services in the previous year. Many families simply do not recognize the signs or know where to turn to get help. So the problems go undetected and untreated, often leading to a lifetime of pain and suffering for the person struggling and everyone around them. This lack of awareness is heart wrenchingly evident in the fact that suicide is the tenth leading cause of death in the U.S. (more common than homicide) and the third leading cause of death for 15- to 24-year-olds. And, further that at least 90% of these young people have mental health problems such as depression, anxiety, drug or alcohol abuse or a behavior problem. The lack of awareness is literally killing us. But, with awareness, we have the power to change. Because realities change when cultures change and the reality with mental illness is that it's real, painful and, most of all, treatable. (Source: NAMI)

**Change Your Hue of Blue:**

At UMCH Family Services, we are on a mission to change the cultural attitude toward mental illness. To create widespread awareness that hope and help are available, we are hosting Change Your Hue of Blue. A Blues Music Benefit Concert Gala to change the cultural reality around mental illness by raising awareness of the issues and spreading the message that help is available regardless of income level. Our ultimate goal is to create in our own backyard a reality where we go from a lack of awareness about mental illness to widespread open dialogue; from families being weakened by underlying mental illness, to understanding there's effective mental health management.

Changing the current reality matters to us at UMCH Family Services because we deal with many families and children around Ohio who experience mental health issues. Families and children we work with to successfully treat. Who now have a better chance at a stronger, more secure familial structure and a brighter future, where the color blue no longer represents sadness but serenity and peace. We know firsthand how urgent and important this issue is. Through Change Your Hue of Blue, we are raising funds and

funding awareness, help and hope. Tickets are available now at:

<https://secure.groundworkgroup.org/register/event/ChangeYourHueOfBlue>

**About UMCH Family Services:**

UMCH Family Services, originally named United Methodist Children's Home, began as an orphanage more than a century ago. Throughout our history, we have delivered services to accommodate the changing needs of children and families. We have gone from being a children's home to children's homes — providing homes through our Treatment Foster Care Program, finding homes through our Adoption Program and strengthening homes through our Outpatient Family Mental Health Service Program. All of our programs are designed to holistically treat children as well as to support their caregivers. In addition, UMCH is the only agency in central Ohio providing the complete continuum of adoption care—offering pre and post adoption services for the whole family. UMCH Family Services is a ministry of The West Ohio Conference of The United Methodist Church. [www.UMCHOhio.org](http://www.UMCHOhio.org)

Change Your Hue of Blue is a Mike Berichon, Bear in the Chair production.

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