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Talbert House Annual Luncheon Reviews 50th Year of Operations
Bob Mecum, Judge John West, and PsychPros honored at luncheon

CINCINNATI— On September 30, Talbert House celebrated its achievements of the past year and recognized honorees Bob Mecum, The Honorable John West, and PsychPros for their impact on Talbert House's mission and the community at its annual luncheon.

Nearly 400 supporters and friends attended the event held at the Hyatt Regency Downtown. Talbert House announced its community impact of serving over 36,000 clients face-to-face and an additional 34,000 through prevention services last year. The luncheon culminated with a heartfelt testimony from graduate Chuck Smith.

Bob Mecum, a Pierce Township resident and retiring President & CEO of Lighthouse Youth Services, was awarded the Ernest Talbert Award for his decades of involvement in advocacy and field advancement work. Under Bob's leadership, Lighthouse has grown from a runaway shelter to become a \$27 million statewide multi-services youth and family service organization.

The Honorable John West, a resident of Paddock Hills and retired judge for the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas, was awarded the Agnes Seasongood Award as an individual in public service who has worked to promote the development of community corrections, mental health, addiction, and welfare-to-work services. Judge West was instrumental in creating the Hamilton County Common Pleas Mental Health Court, which was recognized by the Ohio Supreme Court in 2014 as a specialty court.

The Community Service Award was awarded to PsychPros, a staffing and executive search firm located in Mt. Auburn dedicated to the behavioral healthcare field. Locally owned and operated, their relationship with Talbert House spans over two decades. PsychPros has partnered with Talbert House in sponsoring multiple fundraising events, providing volunteer hours for Talbert House initiatives, coordinating donations, and assisting in the development of the Talbert House Ambassadors Board for young professionals.

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Talbert House is a community-wide nonprofit that operates within five service lines: Adult Behavioral Health, Community Care, Court and Corrections, Housing, and Youth Behavioral Health. Children, adults and families benefit from these proven services. Talbert House serves over 36,000 clients face to face and an additional 34,000 are reached through prevention services throughout Southwest Ohio. Talbert House's mission is to improve social behavior and enhance personal recovery and growth.