



THE GUIDANCE CENTER

Mental Health Services for Southern NJ

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A Letter from the President

Edward Bowman, Esq.

Just one year ago, we embarked on a journey none of us contemplated nor wanted. The COVID-19 epidemic has affected everyone and for those experiencing mental illness the consequences of the pandemic can be particularly severe. It is in times like these that an organization like The Guidance Center plays such a crucial role for those in need. The Guidance Center's dedicated staff has adapted and persevered. It has not been easy and many programs have been impacted. However, The Guidance Center has continued to provide critically necessary mental health services throughout the pandemic.

The Board of Trustees was pleased to honor one of our own as 2020's Distinguished Community Leader. Trustee James R. Hurley has led an exemplary life in public service and has blessed us with his time and wisdom on The Guidance Center board for many years. While we were unable to hold an in-person event, the outpouring of support for our tribute book to Jim was remarkable. This "no show" event was very successful and could not have come at a better time.

The Guidance Center's funding continues to be challenging due to budgetary pressures at both the state and federal level from which the vast majority of our financial support comes. The pandemic has exacerbated these challenges. Fortunately, through the efforts of our resilient staff and wise leadership, we have and will continue to weather this storm.

The Board of Trustees believes strongly in The Guidance Center's role as the preeminent provider of mental health services in our region and is committed to building a strong organization for the future. Once the pandemic is over there will be additional challenges, but the commitment our team of mental health professionals and staff have shown over the last year fills us with optimism about our ability to continue to serve the many people in our community who are in need for many years to come.



The Guidance Center recognizes The Honorable James R. Hurley as its 2020 Distinguished Community Leader

James R. Hurley was honored by The Guidance Center as its 2020 Distinguished Community Leader for his outstanding contributions to the greater Cumberland County community at a no-show awards event in December 2020.

The Honorable James R. Hurley, who represented Cumberland County in the 1st Legislative District for more than 20 years, and who has devoted his life to community service, was recognized and thanked for his dedicated work representing the people of his district with integrity, dedication and professionalism — supporting education, first responders, mental health, business, and the environment in our local and regional communities — making them a better place to live for all of our residents through his leadership, volunteerism, and advocacy.

Born in Seaford, DE, Jim Hurley has lived most of his life in Millville, NJ, where he dedicated his life to his political career, community service, family, church life, and a multitude of non-profit organization missions.

Jim Hurley served as a member of the County Board of Chosen Freeholders, the New Jersey General Assembly (1968-1982) both as Minority and Majority Leader, and the New Jersey Senate (1982-1990) where he served for a time as Minority Leader. His accomplishments in the legislature were many.

He was appointed to the New Jersey Casino Control Commission in 1990, served through 2002, and was Chairman from 1998 to 2002. During this time his involvement with government issues along with his commitment to his constituents made a hugely positive impact in the prosperity of southern New Jersey.

Beyond public office, Jim Hurley had an advertising and public relations firm, but throughout the years dedicated much of his life to helping the community and his church. Hurley created the non-profit Affordable Homes of Millville Ecumenical (AHOME) to assist families with limited means in achieving home ownership. In addition, he served on the board of directors of the Millville Rescue Squad for more than 20 years, was the director of Millville United Fund, helped to raise money for the Millville Hospital and YMCA, and has been a member of the board of trustees of The Guidance Center since 2011.

Jim Hurley served in the United States Army from 1955 to 1957. A graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Jim went on to work in radio and



**The Honorable
James R. Hurley**

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television, taught English at Millville High School, was vice president and director of public relations for Millville National Bank, and served as the clerk of session, deacon, and an elder in the Millville First Presbyterian Church. He also taught adult and youth church school classes. Jim and his wife, Wally Reed Hurley, are members of the Bridgeton Presbyterian Church, where he serves on the board of trustees.

Jim was a member and/or officer of numerous other community organizations throughout the years including Millville Kiwanis, the local YMCA, the Millville Chamber of Commerce, United Way and Jaycees, among many others, and served on the Cumberland County Industrial Commission.

Wally and Jim Hurley have been married for more than 64 years and have three grown children — Leslie, Jamie and Kerri Anna.

"The Guidance Center is proud to honor Jim Hurley for his work, both personal and professional, that has for years benefited individuals, families, and businesses in our area. His dedication to supporting health and education is undeniable, along with his advocacy for numerous civic organizations that are the fiber of our southern New Jersey communities," says Ed Bowman, president of The Guidance Center. "Jim Hurley is truly a man of integrity and principle with genuine compassion for others."

"We are privileged to recognize Jim Hurley as our 2020 Distinguished Community Leader," continues Bowman. "We thank him for many years of important work that has made a positive impact on the lives of so many people and assisted with the success of countless organizations in our area. Please join us as we recognize and thank Jim for his outstanding service and meaningful contributions to our community."



The Honorable James R. Hurley, center, received an award certificate and special tribute book as he was recognized by The Guidance Center as its 2020 Mental Health Distinguished Community Leader at a no-show fundraising event that spanned from November 2020 through January 2021. Pictured left to right are Larry Pepper, Jr., trustee; Hurley; Ed Bowman, president of The Guidance Center.

Best wishes to Dr. Josephine White *A community mental health leader, advocate and friend*

It is with heartfelt congratulations and sincere thanks that The Guidance Center announces the retirement of Dr. Josephine White, PhD, clinical director.

Dr. White provided 40 years of dedicated service to our mental health agency where, in her most recent position, she served as the director of operations for 11 different psychiatric clinical and support programs.

"We owe a huge debt of gratitude to Dr. White for her knowledge, professionalism, and hard work throughout the years," says Ed Bowman, president of The Guidance Center. "Her leadership has helped give countless individuals and families the compassionate care and comforting support they needed for a better life while dealing with mental health needs."

With degrees from Stockton, Fairleigh Dickenson and LaSalle Universities, Dr. White began her career at TGC in 1980. She received her PhD from Wilmington University. She has been honored by many organizations for community service and career accomplishments. Her last official day at The Guidance Center will be February 28, 2021.

"Dr. White, you will be remembered for your infinite knowledge, many accomplishments, and your steadfast, calming demeanor. You have made our mental health agency a better place," continued Bowman. "Congratulations from the board of trustees, executive staff, and all of your friends at The Guidance Center. Best wishes for many happy years ahead."



Josephine White, PhD
LPC, ACS, LCADC

Amandalynn Salzman named new clinical director for The Guidance Center

The board of trustees of The Guidance Center is pleased to announce that Amandalynn Salzman has been named to the position of clinical director, following Dr. Josephine White's recent retirement.

"Amandalynn has extensive experience and certifications in the field of mental health," announced Ed Bowman, president of The Guidance Center. "Since 2011 she has been a vital part of our agency where she has served as both our Intensive Outreach Service Program Director and Clinical Administrator. The new clinical director position will bring additional responsibilities which we are certain that Amandalynn will easily manage."

Salzman has a masters degree in Social Work from Widener University, an additional masters degree in Human Services from Western Maryland College, and a bachelor of arts degree in English and Women's Studies from Rutgers University. Her background includes being an adjunct professor at Cumberland County Community College (now Rowan College of South Jersey), program director, therapist, community support coordinator, and residential program manager, among many others.

"We are confident that Amandalynn can handle any challenge put before her," continued Bowman. "Her knowledge of mental health and compassion for others makes her the perfect choice to fulfill the needs of our agency."

Congratulations, Amandalynn Salzman, and best wishes for a long and even more gratifying future at The Guidance Center.



Amandalynn Salzman
MS, MSW, LCSW



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**The Honorable
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Congratulations to the winners of the 2020 Friends of The Guidance Center 50-50 Raffle

Top Prize: Tony Pepper

Five Additional Prizes: Sam Radiology Services • Rosemarie Davis
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Thank you for all who purchased tickets for this fundraiser in support of The Guidance Center. Proceeds benefit mental health assistance and educational programs.

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40 Years

Josephine White

35 Years

Claudean Williams

30 Years

Roseann Casbarro

25 Years

Ryan Armington

20 Years

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Rena Goberdhan

Conny Pratt

15 Years

Michelle Anderson

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for your years of dedicated service.***

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