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Local Non-Profit Marks 25 Years of Service in Nebraska

Recognizes Nebraskans for keeping communities safe at community event

OMAHA, NEB -- Project Extra Mile will be honoring individuals and organizations from across the state and around the country for their efforts in preventing alcohol-related harms at the organization's recognition dinner on Tuesday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Champions Run in Omaha.

Those being recognized include:

- Community Advocate Award - John Lemen, for his work in the Florence neighborhood on the Reign Lounge
- Going the Distance Award - Dr. Sean Haley, PhD, MPH and Cassie Toure, for their work creating the national Alcohol Action Network
- LaVon Crosby Public Policy Award - Senator Robert Hilkemann, for his consistent support of policies that would reduce alcohol-related harms across Nebraska
- Law Enforcement Agency Award - Omaha Police Department, for its efforts to restart alcohol compliance check operations during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Law Enforcement Officer Award - Chief Bryan Waugh of the Kearney Police Department, for his willingness to collaborate with the organization to ensure officers are trained on how to properly enforce our state's alcohol laws
- Media Award of Excellence - Jim Timm, for his advice in helping the organization shape its message
- Marty Conboy Public Advocate Award - Ryan Wiesen of the City of Omaha, for his efforts to keep citizens informed during the liquor licensing process
- Leon Dappen Award of High Distinction - Diane Riibe, for her life's work of preventing alcohol-related harms in Nebraska and across the country
- Special Recognition Awards -
 - Dr. Robert Brewer, MD, MSPH
 - Beatha Kliewer
 - Nebraska Highway Safety Office
 - Jennifer Pollock
 - Dr. Adi Pour, PhD
 - Dr. Tom Safranek, MD
 - Laurie Scott
 - Nigel Wrangham.

Project Extra Mile is a network of community partnerships working to prevent and reduce alcohol-related harms in Nebraska. The dinner is held to honor advocates that have devoted their time and energy to improving public health and safety by embracing evidence-based strategies to prevent excessive alcohol consumption and its harms.



Mission: Advocating for evidence-based policies and practices to prevent and reduce alcohol-related harms.

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