

David Lawrence Center Names Lysielle and Jacques Cariot Honorary Chairs of Signature Gala



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The David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce that Lysielle and Jacques Cariot, community philanthropists and proprietors of the downtown Naples' French restaurant Bleu Provence, will serve as Honorary Co-Chairs for the 2014 signature gala "Under the Eiffel Tower; A Journey to 1920's Paris" scheduled for January 17th, 2014 at the Ritz Carlton Naples, Golf Resort.

Stephen Wheeler, Chief Development Officer, states, "We are so fortunate to have community leaders like Lysielle and Jacques whose philanthropic interests focused on mental health soon after their arrival in our community. It is a privilege for us to honor them for their generosity particularly at this year's event with its Parisian theme."

The Cariots labor of love Bleu Provence is an epicurean favorite acclaimed by locals, visitors and critics alike for superb French cuisine, an international wine list and attentive service. The gala will allow them to bring their two passions together – the town they have lovingly called home for the last 20 years and the country they hail from France – to creatively give back to the people in our community who need it the most.

Lysielle and Jacques Cariot invite their friends, neighbors, customers and fellow Neapolitans to get involved adding, "It's our privilege to serve as Honorary Chairs at this year's gala in support of the David Lawrence Center's efforts to provide a solution for mental health problems in our community."

The Cariots join a strong committee led by co-chairs Amanda Jaron and Caryn Buechel who will bring their collective passion for mental health and unique skillsets to help the Foundation reach aggressive fundraising goals so the Center can help more people at this time than in any other during their 45-year history and invest in new innovative programs. Proceeds from the evenings Fund-A-Need will specifically support the Children's Crisis Stabilization Unit.

For more information or to purchase a ticket, visit www.bidpal.net/dlccgala or call 239-304-3505.

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