



## **Honorees Chosen for First Call Annual Community Gratitude Luncheon**

### **March 24 Gratitude Luncheon Honors Local Heroes in Prevention and Recovery**

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**Kansas City, MO** – First Call's Annual Community Gratitude Luncheon is scheduled for Friday, March 24, 2017, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation. The event celebrates those who work to reduce the impact of alcohol, drugs and addiction by recognizing champions who help create safe and healthy communities; support individuals and families seeking recovery; volunteer their time; donate their dollars and/or advocate for public policy changes.

"Working in this field can be challenging because we often deal with individuals and families who are in crisis," said First Call's President & CEO Susan Whitmore. "The Gratitude Luncheon is an opportunity for us to come together and celebrate the victories and progress. These honorees are deserving of praise for the great work they do in our community."

The 2017 honorees are:

- Lifetime Achievement: Marsha Morgan, Chief Operating Officer (retired), Truman Medical Center Behavioral Health
- Philanthropist of the Year: The Kevin & Judy Glynn Family-Sarah LaSala, Dave Glynn, Philip Glynn
- Professional of the Year: Gloria Nepote, Clinical Liaison, Cottonwood Springs Behavioral Health
- Public Service: Officer Garron Carter, Kansas City Police Department Coordinator, OK Program
- Volunteer of the Year: Chris Rosburg, CR Promotions
- Youth of the Year: NO DOA (No Drugs Or Alcohol), Northeast High School

New this year is the Youth of the Year category that honors a youth/youths working in community prevention and/or recovery. This year, approximately 20 members of the NO DOA group will attend the luncheon along with officials from Kansas City Public Schools.

It is the mission of First Call to reduce the impact of alcohol, drugs and addiction by providing quality resources to individuals, families and the community. First Call provides prevention and recovery services to over 20,000 individuals annually and is a key catalyst for building capacity among community substance abuse, health care, behavioral health and support service providers.

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