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Evolution Gala Set to Return on September 25, 2021
OhioGuidestone Announces Emcee, Honorees and Theme

BEREA, OHIO, July 6, 2021– [OhioGuidestone](http://OhioGuidestone.org), one of the largest behavioral health agencies in the state, today announced the date of its biennial Evolution Gala, presented by Fifth Third Bank and emceed by Betsy Kling, WKYC Channel 3 news anchor and chief meteorologist. The sold out, black-tie event will take place on Saturday, September 25 at 6:30 p.m. at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Evolution Gala, the nonprofit's premier fundraiser, brings together leaders from the region's corporate and philanthropic communities in celebration and support of OhioGuidestone's mission to provide individuals of all ages with pathways to growth, achievement and lifelong success.

This year's event aims to highlight the agency's Workforce 360° program and will recognize the following corporations and individuals for their commitment to workforce development in the community:

- Corporate Honoree – **Fifth Third Bank**, accepted by Northern Ohio Regional President Joseph DiRocco
- Community Honoree – **Brandon Chrostowski**, Founder, President and CEO of EDWINS Leadership & Restaurant Institute
- Sports Honorees – Cleveland Browns Tight End **Austin Hooper**; Cleveland Browns Legend and Cribbs in the CLE host **Josh Cribbs**
- Workforce 360° Honoree – Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program (CCMEP) Graduate **Breawna Snowberger**

“OhioGuidestone’s Workforce 360° program does so much to provide youth with the skills and support needed to remove barriers to employment, and I am honored to receive this award,” said Hooper. **“Resources like this are so important, especially to children who age out of the foster care system. This is near and dear to my heart, as the Austin Hooper Foundation’s mission is to help these kids find their passion and a career to be self-sustaining, productive members of society.”**

OhioGuidestone's Workforce 360° program provides supportive services to help individuals secure and maintain meaningful employment through nationally recognized occupational trainings, academic assistance, leadership development, financial literacy, paid-work experience, case management, and placement and retention services.

“OhioGuidestone and Workforce 360° provided me with the resources, and I had to drive to put in the work and become a business owner,” said Snowberger.

Proceeds from the Evolution Gala will support OhioGuidestone's Workforce 360° program. Attendees of the event will be treated to a gourmet meal, dinner, dancing, exclusive live and silent auctions, tours of Rock Hall exhibits, live music from Monica Robins & The Whiskey Kings, and more.

Evolution Gala is sponsored Fifth Third Bank (presenting sponsor), WKYC Channel 3 (media sponsor), Blue Technologies and Medical Mutual.

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About OhioGuidestone

OhioGuidestone, a leader in the field of behavioral health, has been helping individuals throughout Ohio reset their paths, reclaim their autonomy and restore their purpose for more than 157 years. The nonprofit, Berea-based organization connects individuals with the resources needed to achieve lifelong success, providing community counseling, substance use disorder treatment, early childhood mental health services, workforce development training,

foster care services and more. Connect with us on www.ohioguidestone.org, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram or by calling 440-260-8303.