

Dinner Honors Those Going Extra Mile To Reduce Alcohol Related Harms

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Project Extra Mile will recognize eight individuals and three organizations at its annual dinner coming up Tuesday, Nov. 19.

The Omaha-area nonprofit that works to prevent and reduce alcohol-related harms will thank its partners for their achievements in advocating for evidence-based policies and practices to reduce the harm associated with alcohol.

Vincent DeMarco, board chair of the Maryland Clean Energy Jobs Initiative, will provide the evening's keynote remarks.

DeMarco is a longtime advocate for public health causes and helped pass Maryland's tobacco tax increase of 2007 and alcohol tax increase of 2011. He is now an adjunct professor at the John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health and is also the subject of a book called "The DeMarco Factor: Transforming Public Will Into Political Power."

Among those being recognized at the event will be:

- Community Advocate – The Rev. Jon Lucas of New Star Baptist Church and the Rev. Portia Cavitt of Clair Memorial United Methodist Church.
- Going the Distance – Lanette Richards of Monument Preservation Coalition.
- LaVon Grosby Public Policy – State Sen. Tom Briese.
- Law Enforcement Agency – Douglas County Sheriff's Office and Ralston Police Department.
- Law Enforcement Officer – Officer Mike Bossman of the Omaha Police Department.
- Media – Brian Mastre of WOWT.
- Young Leader – Monument Prevention Coalition Youth Advisory Board.
- Marty Conboy Public Advocate Award – Frank LaMere.
- Leon Dappen Award of High Distinction – Fred Zwonechek.

The event will be held at Champions Run, 138000 Eagle Run Drive, with dinner at 6 p.m. The program and award presentations follow at 7 p.m. Business or evening attire is requested.

Ticket are \$50 each or \$360 for a corporate table. Event sponsorships are available for \$750. The public can also sponsor youth to attend the dinner for \$35 each.

For details or to RSVP, visit www.projectextramile.org/about/2019-recognition-dinner.