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Family & Youth Honors Humanitarian of the Year and Youth of the Year at Annual Meeting



(Pictured L to R): Phil Earhart, IBERIABANK Market President; Commander Mike Byrne, Humanitarian of the Year; Kassidi Thibodeaux, Youth of the Year; Julio R. Galan, President & CEO for Family & Youth

LAKE CHARLES –Family & Youth hosted the Annual Meeting and Awards Presentation, sponsored by IBERIABANK, on June 19, 2018 at L’Auberge Casino Resort. During the event Kassidi Thibodeaux was honored with the Youth of the Year award and Commander Mike Byrne was presented with the Humanitarian of the Year award.

The recipient of the 2018 Youth of the Year award was Kassidi Thibodeaux. Kassidi Thibodeaux is a recent graduate of Lacassine High School and received her high school diploma in May of 2018. Through the Leadership Center for Youth she has participated in Civic Engagement, the EXCEL Conference, and Chamber Legislative Day. She has also served on the Youth Advisory Council since 2016, serving as Chair her senior year of high school. Kassidi is the daughter of Elizabeth Rea and will be attending LSU Eunice in the fall where she intends to study Education.



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The recipients of the 2018 Humanitarian of the Year award is Commander Mike Byrne. Each year, since 1997, an individual from our community has been honored as Humanitarian of the Year. This service award is presented to a recipient in our community for their accomplishments, which significantly improve the quality of life for others. Commander Mike Byrne has dedicated 43 years of his life and career to serving and protecting the public and has served as Commander of Investigations for 18 years. Byrne has shown a commitment to improving juvenile justice services in Southwest Louisiana and has even supported youth through The Leadership Center for Youth program at Family & Youth Counseling Agency and through the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Council for Family & Youth Counseling Agency.

Family & Youth believes that all individuals possess the ability to solve their own challenges and live full and healthy lives when support is available. It is the mission of Family & Youth to provide affordable and professional support through programs and services dedicated to the advocacy, counseling, and education for the people of Southwest Louisiana. Our effort and commitment to building family values will guarantee a stable and stronger community. For more information about Family & Youth visit www.fyca.org, call 337 436-9533, or like Family & Youth on Facebook. Family & Youth is a United Way supported agency.

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