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Family & Youth honors Pinnacle Light of Hope Recipients

(Lake Charles)— Child advocates in Southwest Louisiana came together on Thursday, December 1, 2016 for the Pinnacle Light of Hope Breakfast and Awards Presentation at L'Auberge Casino Resort, sponsored by Pinnacle Entertainment Foundation, hosted by Family & Youth Counseling Agency, Inc. (Family & Youth). The event honored four wonderful individuals in our community who serve as advocates for children in our community.

Jessica Saxby, Candice Young, Britney Glaser, and Joyce Alexander were honored with the Pinnacle Light of Hope Award during the ceremony.

Jessica Saxby

Jessica Saxby, a native of Lake Charles, attended McNeese State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Mass Communications with a concentration in Public Relations. Jessica began her career in media as the promotions director for KVHP Fox29 & The CW. She later began working as the Internal Communication & Community Relations Manager for L'Auberge Casino Resort Lake Charles where she has been a member of the team for 4 years. She is a member of the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Council and a member of the Women's Business Network Advisory Council. Jessica has had the opportunity to volunteer with several organizations and events such as community awareness walks, Bowl for Kid's Sake, and other various initiatives that give back to the community.

Candice Young

Candice Young, is also a native of Lake Charles and an Alumni of McNeese State University where she earned her Bachelor of Science in Marketing. Candice began her marketing career in Orlando, Florida working for the Gaylord Palms Resort and Convention Center before returning home in 2011 and joining the L'Auberge team as Executive Assistant to the Sr. Vice President and General Manager. Candice volunteers for walkathons and many other major community events. She has also been a member of the Children's Advocacy Center Advisory Council since 2013.

Together, Jessica and Candice work as a team spearheading major charitable events such as; Building for Bucks, partnering with Lake Charles Charter Academy to start Teaching Garden's through the American Heart Association, participating in the Ethel Precht HOPE Breast Cancer Foundation, and participating in the Annual Toys for Tots Christmas Toy Drive. Not to mention one of the most successful events for Family & Youth and L'Auberge, Tasting on the Terrace.

Britney Glaser

Britney Glaser works diligently to advocate on behalf of children in foster care, to ensure that each of these children find loving homes. Britney and her husband, Matt Felder, opened their home to a child in need and recently adopted their foster son. Britney has received several awards because of her dedication to children in foster care. Her monthly feature "The New Family Tree" earned her the 2014 Media Advocate for Adoption Award and the 2015 Hector San Miguel Memorial Award. Other awards she has received include; the Michael E. DeBakey Award for Journalism from the Foundation for Biomedical Research, two awards from the Louisiana State Medical Society and five awards presented by the Louisiana Associated Press. Britney began her media career as a teen reporter with KPLC. She studied mass communications at LSU where she worked for Tiger TV, the campus television station. She also interned at WBRZ in Baton Rouge, *The New York Times*, CBS News, and with organizations in Washington, D.C., and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania. She returned to KPLC after graduating in 2006. She left for a two year stint as a weekend anchor and evening reported at KCEN in Waco, Texas before making her way back to KPLC in 2012; rejoining the Sunrise News Team as a morning anchor and health reporter. Outside of the newsroom, and beyond her work with children in foster care Britney is a supporter of many other organizations and causes in SWLA including; the Ad & Press Club of SWLA, Veteran's Programs in both Dry Creek and Lake Charles, American Cancer Society, American Heart Association, Dancing Classrooms Mad Hot Ballroom, and many more.

Joyce Alexander

Joyce Alexander lives in Sulphur, LA with her husband Bryan Alexander. Joyce retired from Lake Charles LNG, where she first heard about and volunteered for Family & Youth. She opened her heart to helping children in foster care in 2012. During her time as a volunteer she has helped 5 children in the system, one of which she has been assigned to for over four years. She has driven 5,118 miles on behalf of these children and has dedicated 958 hours to serving and advocating for them. Outside of her work with CASA, Joyce is an advocate for Family & Youth and all of its other programs as well and she participates in several of Family & Youth's fundraising events such as the eGala Online Auction and Tasting on the Terrace. Elsewhere in the community Joyce is an active member of St. Teresa Catholic Church and a supporter of Rouge et Blanc. She is also a member of Krewe de Bon Coeur.

Family & Youth, and the community, are thankful to these individuals for their hard work and dedication to the well-being and welfare of children in our community.

Family and 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 and Youth to provide affordable and professional support through programs and services dedicated to 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 and Youth visit www.fyca.org, call 337 436-9533, or like Family and Youth on Facebook. Family and Youth is a United Way supported agency.

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