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Gulf Coast JFCS to Award Chief Anthony Holloway, St. Petersburg Police Department, with M.A. Bernstein Behavioral Health Award

Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services (Gulf Coast JFCS) will present the M.A. Bernstein Behavioral Health Award to St. Petersburg Chief of Police Anthony Holloway on Thursday, May 9, 2019, 6pm at the James Museum of Western & Wildlife Art, St. Petersburg, during their event, "The Great Gulf Coast Jewelry Heist." Annually, Gulf Coast JFCS honors individual champions for their contributions toward advancements in behavioral health services in Florida. Previous recipients include:

2018 Dr. Rahul Mehra, MehraVista Health
2017 Bob Dillinger, Public Defender 6th Judicial Court
2016 Kathleen Peters, Florida House of Representatives
2015 Martha Lenderman, MSW

In 2014, Chief Holloway initiated requirements for all St. Petersburg Police Department Officers to become proficient in Trauma Informed Care practices. Trauma Informed Care is an organizational structure and treatment framework that involves understanding, recognizing and responding to the effects of all types of trauma. Trauma Informed Care also emphasizes physical, psychological and emotional safety for both those who have experienced trauma and providers who assist them.

Gulf Coast JFCS Chief Operating Officer, Terri Balliet, shares, "Chief Holloway is a humble leader who brings out the best in people and promotes a culture of safety, empowerment, and healing. The Chief's willingness to advance Trauma Informed Care for his officers has instilled in the St. Petersburg community a better understanding and less stigma of residents' own mental health and that of their family, friends, and colleagues."

ABC Action News Reporter and Anchor Jasmine Styles will serve as the evening's host and guide Jewelry Heist guests through a fun evening that includes scavenger hunts, a jewelry raffle of exclusive Gold & Diamond Source pieces, a silent auction and the live music of local band Le Jazz. Mayor Rick Kriseman will co-present the M.A. Bernstein Behavioral Health Award to Chief Holloway. Proceeds from the evening's event support the work of Gulf Coast JFCS to protect vulnerable children, adults, and seniors.

Make a difference and have fun doing it! For more information and event registration, please visit:

<https://gulfcoastjewishfamilyandcommunityservices.org/jewelryheist/>

Gulf Coast JFCS serves the community through direct services and public/private partnerships. They provide children, individuals and families in need with support to ensure their safety, economic stability, and well-being in the Tampa Bay area and other locations throughout Florida. Gulf Coast JFCS assists more than 30,000 Floridians on an annual basis.

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