TO: The Lakeland Foundation Board & Friends  
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SUBJ: The Lakeland Foundation Friday Update – Monday Edition

Happy Monday to you!

Lakeland Community College is highly regarded in our region for training students to be first responders. We take our role in this educational pathway very seriously, as we know just how critical these skilled professionals are to the well-being of our entire community.

As part of our commitment to preparing students in the emergency response fields both through our academic and workforce training programs, we believe that it’s vital to continue our support once they have entered their professions. That’s why we are very excited to be a partner for the first annual Spaulding Fest, a fundraising event to benefit mental health services for Lake County’s first responders this Sunday, Oct. 17 from 3:30-7:30pm at Sol in Downtown Willoughby.

By all indications, this is going to be a terrific event, featuring food, adult beverages, a 50/50 raffle, a bourbon raffle (more on those below) and streaming of the Browns game. Presenting sponsors are Lighthouse Advisers, Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, The Wild Goose, Nora’s Public House, and Fiona’s Coffee Bar and Bakery. Additional activity sponsors are Bistro 70, Glazier Insurance, Griffin Technology Group, and Little Scholars.

Kim Fraser, executive director of the Lake County Alcohol, Drug Addiction, and Mental Health Services (ADAMHS) Board, has this to say about Spaulding Fest and our first responders:

“The Lake County ADAMHS Board is grateful for the tireless efforts of police officers, fire fighters, and other first responders in our community. We know that their ongoing efforts bring help and bring hope to those on the road to recovery. We also know that many first responders may experience burnout or secondary trauma as a result of their work with individuals with mental illness and addiction. Our First Responder Program, through Crossroads Health, helps connect first responders with vital support and services. We’re excited that Spaulding Fest will help raise awareness and raise funds to support this important initiative.”

The Lakeland Foundation will provide in-kind services for this event to help ensure that every dollar raised supports mental health services for Lake County’s emergency responders. Tickets for both the 50/50 raffle and the Bourbon Raffle can be purchased online by clicking here, and a press release with more information on the event, including admission, sponsorships, etc. can be found here.

Special thanks go to Tina Baucher and Tracy Morris-Noland from our Foundation staff for their work to assist Joy Severa, coordinator of Spaulding Fest.

Have a wonderful week and, as always, thank you for all you do for our community college.

Greg