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50th Anniversary Celebration Kickoff: ComedySportz Fundraising Event



The 50th Anniversary Committee has announced the first event in a year of celebrations marking the 50th anniversary of the agency: A September 29, 2016 at the Establishment Theater. The doors will open at 5.30 PM, and the program will begin at 7:15 PM.

The event will include a basket silent auction and the program will

feature the comedy troupe Guys and Ties.

The event will have individual admission, table reservations and sponsorships. Watch your email for further details.

Monica McGoldrick Will Be the 50th Anniversary Master Therapist



Monica McGoldrick will present a community-wide workshop for family therapist, counselor and the MFCS Alumni on Friday, May 5, 2017. Best known for her initial book, *Geograms: Assessment and Intervention*, her lasting contribution and a skill every graduate in a

marriage and family therapy learns is the Geogram. Dr McGoldrick is part of the The Multicultural Family Institute (MFI), incorporated in 1991, is a non-profit educational institution devoted to post-graduate family therapy training, research, and consultation to community institutions from a Multicultural

Systemic perspective. McGoldrick is the author of many groundbreaking books in the field of family therapy: *Re-visioning Family Therapy*, *the Expanded Family Life Cycle*, *the Geogram Journey: Reconnecting with your family*, *Living Beyond Loss: Death in the Family and Ethnicity and Family Therapy*.

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MFCS Recipient of Several Grants

MFCS received two grants during 2016, according to Jim Horstmann and Lance Willett, Co-chairs of the Development Committee. These grants added \$2,000 to the work of the agency.

Doris and Victor Day Foundation

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Birdies for Charity

The 2016 John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity pledge cards have already been mailed. "We are urging supporters of the agency to make their contributions through the Birdies program. Each year the agency not only receives the amount you designate, but also an additional amount based on the greater fund totals raised by the Birdies program," said Jim Horstmann, co-chair of the Development Committee.

Practica Student Completes 10 Week Field Placement



Tashima McMurray from the Army's Medical Corp, completed a 10 week practica at the agency as part of her work as a graduate student in Northcentral University's (NCU), an online master degree program in marriage and family therapy. NCU's program is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Marriage and Family Therapy Education. Since the program is online and has 500 students around the USA, students receive their clinical training wherever they are located. Tashima was transferred at the end of April to the Minneapolis area.

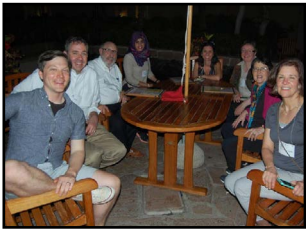
Robert Donohoo Joins Agency as an Associate



Mr. Robert Donohoo joins the Association Therapists' roster. Robert was an intern back in 2010-12 after spending 10 years as a Federal Probation Officer. After the internship, he worked as a therapist for the Veterans Administration for several years and then transferred to the Rock Island Arsenal EAP program. Since leaving the internship, he maintained a small private practice at Doug and Kathy McCollum's private practice. Since the McCollum's are in the process of retiring, Bob needed a new home.

He will join the agency on June 7. In addition to his work with couples and families, he is also a specialist in PTSD as a result of his work with veterans. He is a native of the Quad Cities.

MFCS Well Represented in Hawaii



Eight MFCS connected individuals attended the 24th World Family Therapy Congress in Waikoloa, Hawaii. In addition to staff members Derek Ball and William Hiebert were former interns Asmaa Alotaiby, Reggie Berger, Suzanne Hanna, Jake Johnson, Daniel Stillwell, Jackie Tome, and Betsy Zmuda Swanson.



Friday is Bow Tie Day....Even in Hawaii

Former Spanish therapist Jackie Tome was present at the Hawaii Congress and remembered to bring and wear her bow tie on Friday, April 1 at the Hilton Waikoloa Village Resort.

MFCS Alumni Have a Big Presence at the World Congress

Six alumni plus Derek Ball and William Hiebert presented at the 24th World Family Therapy Congress in Waikoloa, Hawaii, March 30 – April 1, 2016. Listed below are the alumni and their presentations:

Asmaa Alotaiby	Healing opportunity for Muslim women engaging in family counseling in the western world
Reggie Berger	Conflict - Bullying - Cyberbullying – What’s the difference? A Multi-Systemic Approach to Counseling Parents, Teens and School Personnel
Suzanne Hanna	Bullying and the Transparent Brain: Constructing Circuits of Biosocial Healing
Jake Johnson	Writing for Publication in Marriage and Family Therapy (Jake is, Editor of Research in FT e-News)
Daniel Stillwell	MFT Spiritual Competency
Jackie Tome	Yoga and Touch in Couple’s Therapy: An Effective Way to Improve Intimacy

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