

News Release

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“NEWS CENTER Forecaster Kevin Mannix will Emcee the Hope Gala

Music by The Veggies and Live/Silent Auction Promise a Lively Evening

Lewiston/Auburn - Get ready for a fun evening at the first HOPE GALA to benefit Tri-County Mental Health Services on Friday, January 24, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Auburn. NEWS CENTER Forecaster **Kevin Mannix** will be the Emcee for the evening. Recently Kevin began sharing his personal story of emotional healing with viewers and he has helped many people break through barriers of stigma and shame. “I am honored to be hosting this special event that will support Tri-County Mental Health Services. My forecast is for an evening filled with music, fun and laughter, as well as a celebration of hope.”

Music will be provided by popular local band “**The Veggies**” and the live auction will be led by **Auctioneer Floyd Hartford** from Saco River Auctions, one of New England’s leading auctioneers. **TICKETS ARE \$30 PER PERSON, \$50 PER COUPLE.** To purchase event tickets, visit www.tcmhs.org or call Kayla Hopkins 207.783.4663 x105.

Along with the HOPE GALA, tickets are now on sale for PRO SPORTS GETAWAY RAFFLE! The prize is a trip for two to any regular season (non-major, non-playoff) weekend NFL, NHL, NBA, MLB or PGA event! The trip includes lower level seats (or grounds passes for PGA), two nights hotel, daily breakfast for two, and roundtrip coach airfare. You choose your preferred event anywhere in the contiguous U.S. or Canada, and a concierge service will assist you with booking your getaway. **Raffle Tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100.** The drawing will be held at the Hope Gala on January 24th. You do not need to be present to win. *(Important note: the trip giveaway is contingent upon us selling a minimum of 150 tickets; if this minimum is not met, the raffle will revert to a 50/50 drawing and the winner will instead receive 50% of the raffle proceeds.)*

Tri-County Mental Health Services is one of Maine’s most comprehensive agencies dealing with the psychological and social well-being of children, adults, and elders, serving about 10,000 individuals each year. The agency offers innovative programs and services addressing mental health, substance abuse, intellectual disabilities, and more. Its philosophy of building toward recovery and sensitivity to traumatic experiences gives hope to individuals, families, and communities. Despite its name, TCMHS reaches far beyond its traditional service area (Androscoggin, Franklin and Oxford) with services in Cumberland and York Counties and beyond. For more information, visit www.tcmhs.org.

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