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Jenkins to Emcee the 8th Annual Inspired Voices Benefit

Tickets On Sale Now!

LEWISTON- The Honorable John Jenkins will be the Emcee for the 8th Annual Inspired Voices Benefit on Saturday, June 22, at the Franco-American Heritage Center in Lewiston. Jenkins is a popular and charismatic leader in Maine and beyond with a strong history of public service. An accomplished author, educator, trainer, leader, and national public speaker, he is known for his work promoting professional and personal development. He served as Mayor of Lewiston and Auburn, Maine State Senator,

Director of the Maine State Diversity Commission, and an instructor in many venues. He has been the recipient of a long list of leadership awards by the Chamber of Commerce, the State Legislatures of New Jersey, Maine, and Kentucky, the Maine Bar Association, and more. He is also a member of the Lewiston/Auburn and Maine Sports Halls of Fame and the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame.

Mr. Jenkins will take the stage along with people whose lives have been touched by Tri-County who share their gifts and celebrate hope and recovery with music, poetry, and performance. The Inspired Ensemble of professional performers provide a framework for the consumer presentations with songs of hope and inspiration. The popular event is a fundraiser for the non-profit agency, and has become a powerful force for building awareness, reducing stigma, and celebrating the human spirit.

“It is a privilege to participate in this celebration of exceptional talent,” says Jenkins. “This celebration is to encourage all in attendance to not disengage as if looking through a window and casually observe the struggles and victories of a separate ‘other’. Instead, this celebration is a mirror that shows us who we collectively are. There is no ‘they’ and ‘us’. There is only an ‘us’ in all its challenges and glories, turning obstacles into opportunities for improvement.”

Tickets are \$20, \$25 at the door (\$15/\$20 for students and seniors). For more information about this transformative event including highlights and stories from past shows, to become a sponsor, or to purchase your tickets, visit www.tcmhs.org or call Kayla at 783-4663 x 105. Thank you to the following sponsors: Inspired Sponsors- BGA Financial, Healey & Associates; Partners- Norman, Hanson & DeTroy, Center Street Dental; Supporters- Central Maine Healthcare, Isaacson & Raymond, Consumer Council System of Maine (Farmington), Oxford Networks, Gibson LeClair, TCMHS Board of Directors.

Tri-County Mental Health Services is Maine’s most comprehensive agency dealing with the psychological and social well-being of children, adults, and elders. TCMHS serves about 10,000 individuals each year with 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 in Androscoggin, Cumberland, Franklin and Oxford counties. For more information, visit www.tcmhs.org.