The Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce is excited to announce the headliners for the 2021 Canton Blues Fest. This annual outdoor blues festival, now in its 20th year, will take place at Centennial Plaza in downtown Canton on Friday, July 9, and Saturday, July 10, with headliners taking the stage nightly at 9:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 9: Ray Fuller and the Bluesrockers and SATURDAY, JULY 10: The Sonny Moorman Group

The jam-packed lineup 14 unique blues acts on stage, with live music Friday 4 - 11 p.m. and Saturday noon - 11 p.m.

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Go to https://www.cantonchamber.org/canton-blues-fest

FRIDAY HEADLINER - RAY FULLER AND THE BLUESROCKERS

RAY FULLER from New Albany Ohio, was given his first guitar at the age of 8, a Gibson Melody Maker. At an early age, Fuller was inspired by the British Invasion; Rolling Stones, Yardbirds and the Animals bands. Fuller’s first Blues album he ever heard was John Mayall and the Blues Breakers featuring Eric Clapton. “I could tell good blues guitar when I heard it...it was different.”

Fuller’s passion for the Blues was fueled with the discovery of the original Blues greats; John Lee Hooker, Muddy Waters, BB King, Elmore James. Young Ray Fuller was especially fond of John Lee Hooker.

The Ray Fuller Band was formed in 1974, evolving into Ray Fuller and the Bluesrockers in 1978; releasing a self titled album on vinyl and Fuller has not looked back since. Mastering his craft throughout the (continued on page 3)
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80’s and 90’s, Fuller was quick to become the “go to act” throughout Ohio to open for iconic Blues musicians such as Muddy Waters, John Lee Hooker, Stevie Ray Vaughan, Buddy Guy, Junior Wells and Albert Collins to name a few.

Ray Fuller’s immediate focus is on bringing his unique “Rockin’ Slide Guitar Blues” to Blues Festivals and major Blues venues throughout USA, Canada, Europe and beyond; putting on high energy, dynamic performances full of fire and energy audiences won’t soon forget!

SATURDAY HEADLINER - THE SONNY MOORMAN GROUP

More than just a Blues-Rock artist, award-winning guitar player Sonny Moorman balances his signature smoking-hot riffs with a hard-rocking precision and feel born deep in the Blues ethos. Seeming to channel inspiration from elsewhere, his world-class playing is at once both transcendental and firmly grounded in reality, captivating audiences nationwide. The music is original, complex and never stale, with relatable lyrics and a sound that conjures up masters like Duane Allman, Lonnie Mack, and Freddy King. Still, Moorman has forged his own intoxicating style throughout his decades-long career, which firmly establishes him as one of the last great authentic roadhouse players.

BLUES FEST SCHEDULE:

FRIDAY, JULY 9
4:00 - 5:15 PM: GREASY BOYS BLUES BAND
5:30 - 6:45 PM: NATE LUPI
7:00 - 7:30 PM: JEFF POULOS
7:45 - 8:45 PM: MIKE LENZ
9:00 - 9:30 PM: ERIC BROOKE’S BLUES BORDELLO
9:45 - 11:00 PM: RAY FULLER AND THE BLUESROCKERS

SATURDAY, JULY 10
12:00 - 1:15 PM: RACHEL BROWN AND THE BEATNIK PLAYBOYS
1:30 - 2:45 PM: SAM HOOPER GROUP
3:00 - 4:15 PM: ALAN GREENE BAND
4:30 - 5:00 PM: THE R&D DUO
5:15 - 6:30 PM: BACKSTREET BLUES BAND
6:45 - 7:15 PM: CHRISTOPHER SOULSBY
7:30 - 8:45 PM: JJ VICARS & THE DESIATOS
9:00 - 9:30 PM: IAN PENTER
9:45 - 11:00 PM: THE SONNY MOORMAN GROUP

For more information or questions, please contact Andrea Hartman, event manager, at (330) 458-2054.

For sponsorship information for this or our other downtown events, please contact Chris Gumpp at (330) 458-2055.
Access to childcare is an increasingly urgent workforce issue, one that is gaining recognition among economists and business leaders. However, with the cost of childcare rivaling the cost of college tuition, many employees struggle to find quality childcare that they can afford.

The cost to individuals and families is clear. But childcare challenges are also costly to businesses, as employers lose out on talented employees and see decreased productivity, higher turnover, and low morale. Even prior to the pandemic, American businesses lost an estimated $12.7 billion each year due to their employees' childcare challenges.

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Kids who participate in quality early childhood programs are better prepared for kindergarten. Kindergarten readiness has been linked to predictors of success in required third grade reading assessments, eighth grade math assessments, high school graduation rates, better mental health, healthier lifestyles, and job stability.

Our community has shown great resilience throughout this pandemic. However, as we look ahead to our recovery, we cannot overlook our childcare crisis. There are opportunities to be creative in our community to support quality early childcare for all students. Support can come on the state level through additional budgeting for early childhood funding, on the regional level by support of organizations like the Early Childhood Resource Center and on the local level in supporting early childhood centers in the neighborhood of your business perhaps where many of your workers reside.

From a business perspective support of QUALITY early childhood programming is a phenomenal 18-year ROI for our community and society. This type of investment will sustain our community which will empower our children, build a sustainable workforce, and allow businesses to thrive.

By: Barbara Hammontree Bennett, PE, PS, LEED-AP
Vice President of Education and Workforce
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Did you know…that MAGNET, The Manufacturing Advocacy & Growth Network, a nonprofit consulting group with a 35-year track record, is running on all cylinders to serve Stark County manufacturers? From technology implementation to marketing support to workforce training, the organization is ready to help small to medium-sized manufacturers, especially those hit hard by supply chain and production disruptions during the pandemic.

With its 24-county reach, the Cleveland-based organization has expanded by opening offices in Canton and Akron to better serve the manufacturers in Stark and Summit counties. Its experts specialize in practical consulting to help existing manufacturers grow, provide start-up services to physical product entrepreneurs, and work to address the talent gap through training and outreach initiatives.

MAGNET also collaborates with manufacturing CEOs, governments, community leaders, and educators to advocate for sector needs and drive growth.

The Canton office is located within your own Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce offices located at 222 Market Avenue, North, Canton, OH 44702. If you haven’t met Ms. Janelle Lee, Director of Client Engagement, please contact her at 330-458-2062 x131 to introduce yourself. She wants to meet you and hear your company’s story, as well as share with you how MAGNET can expand opportunities for your business. We are fortunate to have someone like Janelle, who brings her many years of industry experience to Stark County.

After meeting with Janelle, take time to stop by the MAGNET Innovation & Growth Center located inside the Chamber offices, which highlights manufacturing in our industrious county. Here you will find displays featuring a variety of manufacturing companies in our region. For more information about MAGNET, please visit their website: [https://www.manufacturingsuccess.org](https://www.manufacturingsuccess.org)

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Over the years, Canton Regional SCORE has earned several recognitions - five times named District Chapter of the Year and once National Chapter of the Year. What makes the chapter tick?

Nationally, SCORE - founded in 1964 - numbers some 340 chapters. All have strong relationships with chambers of commerce, offices of the U.S. Small Business Administration, and colleges and universities. Most chapters are hosted by such entities - free of charge or for nominal rent of $1 per year. In fact, as a 501-c-3 charitable organization, SCORE could not function without their generous support.

For Canton Regional SCORE, that generous host is the Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce. The chamber provides an office with workstations, phones and access to four conference rooms for mentoring SCORE clients. All of that support is free of charge.

The chapter also benefits from its membership in the Greater Canton Chamber of Commerce - and simultaneously enhances the experience of chamber members. One such way is conducting workshops in the chamber’s offices in downtown Canton and in the Jackson Township office on Wales Ave. The chapter and the chamber team up to promote the workshops.

Also, central to making the chapter tick is the funding support it receives from area foundations including Stark Community Foundation, Hoover Foundation, and The James S. & Patricia L. Ripple Charitable Fund. Adding more strength to the chapter is sponsorship of SCORE events and workshops by area banks, law firms and insurance companies. They include Consumers National Bank; The Commercial & Savings Bank; Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC; Ramsburg Insurance & Financial Services; and Van Nostran Young & Associates.

The chapter’s own organic growth also keeps it ticking. During the last decade, chapter membership has grown from 20 to 55 members. It added a fifth county - Harrison - to its designated coverage territory that embraces Stark, Tuscarawas, Holmes and Carroll counties. It now annually conducts more than 800 in-person counseling sessions and this year is on track to conducting more than 50 workshops on a wide range of topics.

Canton Regional SCORE serves small businesses and non-profits throughout five counties - Stark, Tuscarawas, Holmes, Carroll, Harrison. You can learn more about the chapter at www.canton.score.org.

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2021 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS
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SUNDAY, JULY 25
2:30 p.m.  Community Parade
           Presented by AultCare
FRIDAY, JULY 30
4 p.m.    Balloon Classic & Night Glow
SATURDAY, JULY 31
6:30 a.m. Balloon Classic
8 a.m.    Up, Up & Away 5K
4 p.m.    Balloon Classic & Fireworks
SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
6:30 a.m. Balloon Classic

ENSHRINEMENT WEEK POWERED BY JOHNSON CONTROLS
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4
10 a.m.   Play Football First Play Presented by Panini
6 p.m.    Play Football Skills Camp
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5
Noon      HOF Fun Fest & Beer Fest
3 p.m.    Class of 2020 Autograph Session
           Presented by Panini
8 p.m.    Hall of Fame Game:
           Dallas Cowboys vs. Pittsburgh Steelers
FRIDAY, AUGUST 6
11 a.m.   Fashion Show
11:15 a.m. Gold Jacket Photo Op
Noon      HOF Fun Fest & Beer Fest
4 p.m.    ArtsinStark Final 11 Project
           1958 Championship Sculpture
5 p.m.    Enshriners’ Gold Jacket Ceremony
SATURDAY, AUGUST 7
8 a.m.    The Canton Repository Grand Parade
Noon      Class of 2021 Autograph Session
           Presented by Panini
Noon      Returning Gold Jacket Autograph Session
           Presented by Panini
Noon      HOF Fun Fest & Beer Fest
6:30 p.m. 2020 Enshrinement
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8
Noon      HOF Fun Fest & Beer Fest
Noon      Returning Gold Jacket Autograph Session
           Presented by Panini
Noon      Enshriners’ Roundtable
7 p.m.    2021 Enshrinement
MONDAY, AUGUST 9
Noon      HOF Fun Fest & Beer Fest
8 p.m.    Concert for Legends:
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FASHION SHOW
FRIDAY, AUG. 6 – Canton Memorial Civic Center
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ENSHRINEES’ ROUNDTABLE
SUNDAY, AUG. 8 – Canton Memorial Civic Center
Fan favorite event! Enjoy a lively, unscripted discussion filled with stories and memorable moments from members of the Centennial Class of 2020 and Class of 2021. NEW: Enjoy an outdoor tailgate-themed reception area featuring food and beverage stations before the discussion.

THE CANTON REPOSITORY GRAND PARADE
SATURDAY, AUG. 7 – Cleveland Ave. from 4th St. S to 25th St. N
Reserve prime seats along the 2.2 mile parade route for great views of giant helium balloons, festive floats, marching bands, animal units, returning Gold Jackets/Hall of Famers, and members of the Centennial Class of 2020 and Class of 2021.

MORE EVENTS TO CHECK OUT...

UP, UP & AWAY 5K - Registration required www.profootballhofef.com
SATURDAY, JULY 31 – Kent State University at Stark Campus
Join runners and walkers for our fifth annual UP, UP & AWAY 5K while hot air balloons float in the sky (weather permitting).

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FRIDAY, JULY 30 - SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
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Due to COVID-19, we’ve received a spike in requests from small business members who are struggling to renew their dues. We are asking members who are in a positive position to consider providing assistance through our “Members Helping Members” program.

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- Consider donating $310 (our basic small business membership), or your own specified amount, along with your annual dues payment. You’ll see a “Members Helping Members” line on your invoice or when you pay online. Any funds will go toward covering the dues of a member who simply can’t renew this year.
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The YWCA, a local social service organization, provides early care and education, and housing for Stark County’s homeless populations. Shana has a strong commitment to the Stark County community. She has served on the boards of Leadership Stark County, Child and Adolescent Behavioral Health, YMCA of Myers Lake, and the Ohio Optometric Foundation. She has a BA in Sociology from Kent State University, an MBA, and post-graduate studies toward a Doctor of Education in Leadership Studies from Ashland University. Shana’s work history includes roles with the Canton City School District, Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton, Canton City Schools, and Malone University. Shana is a very proud mother of her three children, Dayanna, Amya, and DeMarlo Jr.

During the CEO Meet & Eat, Shana will share the core principles that she has embraced as a leader.

Registered participants will receive a confirmation prior to the event with instructions on how to join the Zoom session. Please contact kellyp@ystark.org if you have questions.

ABOUT: The ystark! CEO Meet&Eat series is a professional development opportunity for YPs to learn from and network with community leaders across diverse industries. Hear what it takes to be successful, what CEOs wish they knew in their 20s and 30s, and advice for thriving personally and professionally today.

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You do not need to be a ystark! member to attend. This event is intended for young professionals age 20-40.

Social distancing guidelines set by each establishment will be followed.

Upcoming YP Meetup Tour de Patio dates: July 15 at Winking Lizard (Fulton Rd.) and August 26 at The Piazza at Gervasi.

Thursday, June 10
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Name: Jeananne Wickham

Occupation/Title/Place of work: Associate Attorney at Tzangas Plakas Mannos Ltd.

Age: 27

Why are you interested in Stark County’s Young Professionals initiative?
I was part of the Spotlight Program during Spring 2020. While more than half of our sessions were done virtually, I believe that our group had a relationship with one another that was built quickly. Getting to know other young professionals and learn more about Stark County was beneficial both professionally and personally.

What would you share to encourage other people to join?
That you shouldn’t be afraid or nervous to join or participate in other Stark County events. It’s low pressure and people want to get to know you. It’s also a great networking opportunity!

Did you grow up in Stark? If so, where? If not, where did you move from and why?
No, I grew up in the Akron area. Although I don’t live in Stark, I spend the majority of my days there while at work, but also spending time (pre-COVID) at Stark County businesses.

Why do you stay in Stark County, from both a personal and professional point of view?
In my time at Tzangas Plakas Mannos Ltd., I’ve come to learn about how well-respected the firm is in the community and how much everyone cares about Stark County. There’s so much that Stark County has to offer and once it becomes safe to do so, I want to continue exploring and learning about it, including how to also give back to the community.

What do you like MOST about Stark County?
It’s like a not-so-hidden gem. There are wineries like Gervasi, the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and the Arts District. There’s no shortage of interesting and fun things to do and see.

What would you change about Stark County if you could?
I wouldn’t change anything about Stark County itself. Instead, I would want to put Stark County at the forefront when people think of places to go for fun.
The ArtsinStark Board of Directors has hired David Whitehill of Asheville, N.C., as the organization’s next President and CEO.

Whitehill spent the last eight years as Executive Director of the Asheville Symphony, one of the nation’s most progressive orchestras among its peers and the largest employer of the performing arts in the 17-county Western North Carolina region. Before taking the position in Asheville, Whitehill led arts organizations in Bangor, Maine, and Orange County, California. He will begin the ArtsinStark position on February 1.

A 10-member search committee made up of ArtsinStark Board members along with cultural and community leaders, made the recommendation to hire Whitehill at a meeting earlier this month.

As President and CEO of ArtsinStark, Whitehill will serve as an arts and culture leader for the region and is charged with using the arts to create smarter kids, new jobs and healthier communities. He will oversee the renovation of the Canton Cultural Center for the Arts and the redevelopment of its 16-acre campus. Whitehill will lead the Annual Arts Campaign that supports Stark County’s seven largest arts groups and 900 small non-profits, artists and schools. He will also collaborate with a variety of local organizations including the Pro Football Hall of Fame, Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce and Visit Canton to expand and build programs and partnerships.

“Stark County is full of creative and energetic people who have worked together to develop the greater Canton region into a cultural hub, thanks in part to the leadership of a forward-thinking arts council,” Whitehill said. “ArtsinStark has made a deep commitment to investing in the health and well-being of the county’s greatest cultural assets – its makers and creators. The world has changed, and the frameworks we draw upon must change as well. A new window of opportunity is opening, and I am excited to guide ArtsinStark at this time in its history.”

Whitehill is married and has an 8-year-old daughter.

Whitehill assumes the role of President and CEO from Robb Hankins, who announced his departure in September 2020. “This has been an amazing 15-year run,” says Hankins, “and my wife Claudette and I are so grateful to the wonderful people of Canton and Stark County, Ohio.” Among his accomplishments, Hankins grew the Annual Arts Campaign from $900,000 to $1.7 million, while taking it to goal for 15 years in a row. He also created the Canton Arts District with First Fridays, established the SmArts Program in the schools, promoted community development through 2020 Vision, and led the way for the arts to be a driver for local tourism. “I just wanted to show people how art and creativity could make a real difference, not just in Canton, but all across the county,” said Hankins. “It has been an honor to work in such an amazing place and I know that great things are coming in the future.”

About ArtsinStark

ArtsinStark uses the arts to create smarter kids, new jobs, and healthier communities. It is the 50-year-old private, non-profit organization that gives out grants, owns and manages the Cultural Center, and runs the Annual Arts Campaign --- and much more (Canton Arts District, First Fridays, SmArts Program, the Genius Project, 20/20 Vision, the ELEVEN, and the Canton Music Block). Its annual budget is $3 million. What it doesn’t earn, it raises each spring through the Annual Arts Campaign. In 2020 ArtsinStark raised $1.66 million for the Annual Arts Campaign to become the only united arts fund drive in America to ever make goal for 15 years in a row.
WELCOME to our newest members, who joined Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce in April. We encourage you to patronize their businesses. If you know of other businesses that would benefit from Chamber membership, please contact Molly Romig, Director of Membership and Retention at (330) 833-4400.

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NAME: Janet Coon

BIO: A longtime resident of Stark County, graduate of Jackson High School and Malone University. I currently work at Northeast Ohio Medical University (NEOMED). Prior to that I spent many years working for AultCare. I am a member of the Aultman Women’s Board, Past President and Board member of National Sales and Marketing Executives (NSME)/Akron/Canton. I am a past chair of the ambassador committee and a proud graduate of the Leadership Stark County Signature Series 32nd Class. I live in Canton with my husband Greg and two daughters, Madison and Mason who are attending Stark State College.

OCCUPATION: Associate Director, Government and External Affairs at Northeast Ohio Medical University

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE TO BE MORE INVOLVED IN THE CHAMBER?
It started when I was at AultCare, I was asked to attend an event on their behalf as a chamber member and I enjoyed it so much that I got involved on a committee and began volunteering for Enshrinement events and it snowballed to where I was asked to serve as an Ambassador.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE THING THAT HAS COME OUT OF YOUR CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP?
If I have to pick a favorite, it would be the people that I have met. I also have to say being honored as chamber member of the year in 2016 was pretty awesome! So was graduating in the Signature Series 32nd (Better than you!) class of Leadership Stark County.

WHAT OTHER COMMITTEES/OR EVENTS ARE YOU INVOLVED IN WITH THE CHAMBER?
You name it! As an ambassador, I feel that it is important to be well rounded in my support of the chamber, and also to learn about the different things the chamber has to offer. I love attending yStark events (Luckily, I was granted honorary membership for life.)

WHAT WOULD YOU SHARE WITH THOSE COMPANIES THAT ARE NOT AS INVOLVED OR MAY NOT EVEN BE A MEMBER?
You get what you give. I believe that the more you participate and get involved in your chamber, the more value you will receive from your membership. Some of my best contacts, my best professional growth, the best opportunities, the best times and the best friends came as a result of being a member! There is something for everyone, even if you just joined for the MEWA.

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Country music superstar Brad Paisley and legendary rock band Lynyrd Skynyrd will co-headline the **2021 Concert for Legends Presented by Ford** at 8 p.m. ET Monday, Aug. 9 in Tom Benson Hall of Fame Stadium. The concert wraps up the 2021 Pro Football Hall of Fame Enshrinement Week Powered by Johnson Controls.

Tickets for the Concert for Legends Presented by Ford will go on sale at 10 a.m. ET Friday, May 7 and may be purchased at www.ProFootballHOF.com/tickets. Prices range from $75 to $285.

**The Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc** is accepting nominations for the 74th annual Women of the Year Awards luncheon event honoring women for their outstanding contributions to the community. Each year, two women are recognized for Woman of the Year Community and Woman of the Year President’s awards. This is the seventy-fourth year of honoring women for their outstanding contributions to the community.

Nominations may be submitted electronically to http://jlstarkcounty.org/woman-of-the-year-application/. Nominations may include resumes, vitae, letters of recommendation, newspaper articles, list of activities. Previous winners and elected officials are not eligible to be nominated. Deadline for entry submission is Sunday, May 30, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. To learn more about the award go to http://jlstarkcounty.org/news/woman-of-the-year-application/. The **Junior League of Stark County, Ohio, Inc** is pleased to announce the appointment of Jennifer Scroggs as Senior Vice President, Director of Premier Wealth.

Scroggs has over 15 years of experience achieved through numerous roles within wealth management in addition to a background in law. She most recently served as Senior Vice President, Director of Trust/Chief Trust Fiduciary Officer for the Bank where she was responsible for leading all associates of the Trust department while maintaining the trust book and overseeing the platforms of fiduciary duties on trust accounts ensuring compliance and proper documentation requirements. As Director of Premier Wealth, Scroggs will oversee the strategy development and execution for the entire Wealth Management Division. She will be responsible for the overall sales and financial growth, new relationship acquisition and overall profitability of the division.

**Marinas at Sippo Lake Park** in Perry Township and Walborn Reservoir in Alliance are open daily for the season. Both marinas offer bait, beverages and light snacks for sale, as well as rental of stand up paddleboards, kayaks, and canoes. Pedal boats are available at Sippo Lake and motor boats are available at Walborn Reservoir. Life jackets (pfd) and paddles are provided. No advance reservations are necessary, rentals are first-come, first-served. Cash and major credit cards are accepted.

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**UB Advertising**, a full-service advertising agency in Canton, OH, is excited to announce its newest team member, Lauren Bolton! Lauren brings over 15 years’ business administration experience working in Germany in international marketing and the U.K. in customer services and HR administration. She is also a graduate of The Ohio State University with a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration, with a dual major in Marketing and Transportation and Logistics.

Lauren will be handling Operations, including office and project management. She will support the UB Advertising team and ensure their goal of providing a better marketing experience for clients through their continued growth. Her addition to the UB Team brings wonderfully unique business experience, knowledge, and insight.

The **Pro Football Hall of Fame** announced the formation of **Hall of Fame Behavioral Health**, a program created to find comprehensive solutions through a network of mental and behavioral health services designed specifically for current and former athletes and their families.

With the support of numerous ambassadors – among them Pro Football Hall of Fame President & CEO David Baker; Hall of Famers Ronnie Lott, Brian Dawkins, Steve Atwater, Andre Reed and Tim Brown; current players Adrian Peterson and Calais Campbell; and other former NFL players and health care advocates – Hall of Fame Behavioral Health was founded with a simple yet challenging mission: to make mental health and the treatment of issues surrounding athletes and those who care for them destigmatized, accessible and widespread.

“We have to end the stigma surrounding mental health, and that includes athletes,” Dawkins said. “It’s OK to ask for help and to reach out if you are having issues. It’s OK not to be OK. But it’s not OK to stay that way – because our silence is killing us and damaging our families.”

Additional Centers of Excellence, player ambassadors and strategic partners are expected to join the Hall of Fame Behavioral Health network in coming months.

For those needing financial assistance, Hall of Fame Behavioral Health has partnered with the HART Foundation to provide grants and funding to ensure those who need help can receive it – no matter their economic situation.

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