

Naples Botanical GARDEN

For Immediate Release

Partners in Mental Wellness **DLC staff, clients to receive complimentary Garden access**

NAPLES, FL – July 13, 2020 – Mental health and substance abuse professionals have played a major part in keeping our community healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. In recognition of this incredibly important role, staff and clients of David Lawrence Centers for Behavioral Health (DLC) will receive complimentary access to Naples Botanical Garden starting July 15. The program, *Partners in Mental Wellness*, made possible by Christine Williamson and the Galliford-Mulard Foundation, runs through December 31, 2020.

Time spent in nature yields myriad health benefits, which is why this initiative includes family members of staff and clients so that entire families may connect with the Garden's collections. Family members of staff and clients will be included in the access program and access to the Garden is unlimited during the program's run.

A kickoff to *Partners in Mental Wellness* will include a Garden to Table luncheon drop-off for the staff at DLC on Wednesday, July 15 of 2020 at 11:30 a.m. Donna McGinnis and Garden staff will present Scott Burgess and DLC staff with individually-boxed, Garden-inspired lunches. These special lunches will be handcrafted by Executive Chef Jack Raben of Fogg Café at Naples Botanical Garden. Over 130 DLC employees have registered for the lunch drop-off, with many more staff to benefit from the access program.

Cameras are welcome at the David Lawrence Center on Wednesday, July 15 with staff from both organizations available for comment.

Please RSVP with Renée Waller, Director of Communications & Marketing, at rwaller@naplesgarden.org by 10 am, July 15.

About Naples Botanical Garden

Naples Botanical Garden is a 170-acre, world-class garden paradise that features plants from around the world. The Garden provides arts, culture, youth and adult education, conservation, wellness, and volunteer programs that contribute to the quality of life in Southwest Florida onsite and online at naplesgarden.org. The Garden's living collections

are always growing and evolving, leaving our audiences with a deeper engagement with our curated gardens and Preserve. Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with timed tickets required, final tickets at 12 p.m. every day, with Fogg Café opening at 9 a.m. Timed entry tickets must be purchased in advance at naplesgarden.org. Regular admission is \$20 for adults, \$10 for children (4–14); Members and children 3 and under get in free.