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A LETTER FROM THE CEO

Welcome to Break The Cycle 2026, CHC's annual gathering of hope, healing, and shared commitment to changing lives across Akron, Summit County, and Northeast Ohio.

Every day, CHC stands at the intersection of crisis and possibility. Our services save lives, restore dignity, and help individuals and families move from pain toward stability, wellness, and hope. As the opioid crisis, rising suicide rates, and economic pressures continue to affect our community, our mission has never been more urgent—or more necessary.

These challenges call us to imagine and build something stronger: a wellness system that removes barriers, surrounds people with support, and strengthens families, neighborhoods, and employers through integrated primary and behavioral healthcare.

In my first year as CEO, I have been deeply inspired by the extraordinary work of our staff. They meet people at some of the most difficult moments of their lives and help open doors to recovery, resilience, and renewed purpose. Today, you will hear some of those stories—stories that remind us why this work matters.

Because of this dedication, CHC continues to surpass county and state outcome expectations and earn recognition that creates new opportunities to serve. From SAMHSA's Zero Suicide grant to expanded services in the Summit County Jail, each milestone represents more than progress on paper—it represents lives reached, barriers removed, and hope made possible.

Most importantly, people are living healthier lives, families are finding their way back to one another, and access to care is becoming easier through CHC's integrated model. That is the power of connection. That is the promise of recovery.

None of this happens without our incredible staff, who bring Hope, Courage, Healing, and Community to life every day. These values are not just words for us—they are the foundation of recovery and the heartbeat of CHC.

None of this happens without you—our supporters—who give your time, talents, resources, and belief to make this mission possible. And none of it happens without the courage of individuals who choose a better future for themselves and their families, and who trust CHC to walk beside them on that journey.

That is why we gather today. Because breaking the cycle is not only possible—it is happening, one person, one family, and one act of support at a time. Each of you plays a vital role in this work. Each of you is part of the Hope and Wellness puzzle, helping create a future where more people can heal, more families can thrive, and more lives can be restored.

Thank you for believing in CHC's mission, for standing with the people we serve, and for helping us build a healthier, stronger community. Together, we can continue to treat, empower, and support our neighbors toward an improved quality of life—and together, we can break the cycle.

With Gratitude,
Keith Hochadel, CEO



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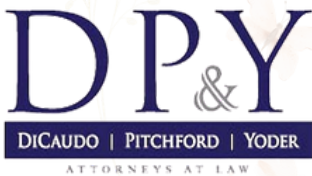


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