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Dear Community Supporters:

We need your help to address the opioid crisis and substance abuse in Sarasota County. The Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse has united community partners to combat the emerging substance abuse issues that all of Sarasota County is facing today.

Preparations are underway for our 20th Annual Shining Stars Recognition and Awards Luncheon where we honor Sarasota's own Citizen of the Year, and Shining Star students from our local Sarasota County Schools. We will also recognize our Community Leadership partners. This well attended event will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2026 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 pm at Michael's on East in Sarasota. **We invite your participation in this community event as an honored donor to our silent auction. Your tax-deductible donation of goods or services will help provide much needed funds to enable the Sarasota Coalition on Substance Abuse to continue and strengthen its mission.**

Substance abuse is of great concern in our county. Three reasons to support this fundraising effort are that substance abuse is the:

- Leading cause of accidental deaths has increased 73% in Sarasota County
- Leading reason children are placed into protective custody, and
- Most frequent disabling condition self-reported by the homeless.

Thank you for your commitment to improving the lives of all of the residents of Sarasota County. We look forward to including you as a donor and recognizing your company at the luncheon. For more information call 941.928.4435 or visit our website www.scosa.org.

Sincerely,

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SCoSA: Committed to help people reclaim their lives from substance abuse and improve their quality of life through awareness and advocacy for substance abuse free environments.

Our Vision: We envision a community where everyone has the tools for living a healthy and effective life.

Our Mission: To promote substance abuse free environments through increased community awareness and advocacy.