KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY’S CENTER FOR YOUNG ADULT ADDICTION AND RECOVERY HOSTS
‘TAKE OFF THE MASK OF ADDICTION MASQUERADE BALL’
COMMUNITY TO STAND TOGETHER AGAINST ADDICTION; JEFF AND JEANNE SCHULTZ NAMED HOST COUPLE AND BALL HONORS

WHO:  Kennesaw State University’s Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery
WHAT:  Take off the Mask of Addiction Masquerade Ball
WHERE:  The Fox Theatre: 660 Peachtree Street Northeast, Atlanta, GA, 30308
WHEN:  Saturday, October 22 at 6:00 PM
COST:  Starting at $300

ATLANTA — Kennesaw State University’s Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery (CYAAR) will host a chance for the community to get involved and raise awareness at this year’s Take off the Mask of Addiction Masquerade Ball. KSU’s CYAAR encourages the community to stand together to support and provide the necessary tools for those fighting alcohol and drug addiction, and offer hope to those seeking recovery. Tickets are on sale now and can be purchased at https://community.kennesaw.edu/masquerade2016. To find out how else you can support and contribute to this special cause, visit http://cyaarball.kennesaw.edu/partnership-opportunities.php.

This magical, fun-filled night features special guests including host couple, Jeff and Jeanne Schultz and keynote speaker, Stacey Weiss. Jeff is a local sports columnist at the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Jeanne is a middle school teacher and recognized leader in public and private education, and Stacey is the founder and chairman of Bert’s Big Adventure. Attendees can enjoy a seated dinner and mocktails, specialty coffee bar, observe a live painting, bid on beach house getaways, a shadow day at The Bert Show and more in the silent and live auction. Dance the night away, pose for a photo or two, hear from the ball’s emcee Chris Dimino, and sit back and relax with live entertainment provided by Band X along with other special entertainment. Black tie attire will be required and masks are encouraged for the masquerade ball.

“Alcohol and drug addiction is a serious problem facing the country. It’s time to face this disease and support those in recovery. While support may come in many forms for those on the road to recovery, none quite compare with the CYAAR’s Take off the Mask of Addiction Masquerade Ball,” reports Teresa Johnston, director of KSU CYAAR and founding president of the Association of Recovery in Higher Education. “This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, support one another, and have fun while doing so! We want to see our community thrive and live a healthy life, and it can happen, starting with this masquerade ball.”

Proceeds go towards CYAAR’s collegiate recovery programs with a focus on recovery science research. Johnston reports that the Center has a unique opportunity to provide cutting-edge research into the understanding of sustained recovery, and a focus on recovery science is long overdue. The Collegiate Recovery Community (CRC) is part of the CYAAR and provides a comprehensive range of evidence-based prevention, intervention, recovery support services for young adult addiction and recovery, and is coupled with educational and research initiatives. Over 250 students in recovery have participated in the KSU CRC, and thousands have been served by its recovery support services. Participants of the recovery program are encouraged to utilize mutual aid support programs and build relationships in the peer community, while celebrating the unique and individual story of each recovering student.

About CYAAR: As one of the first collegiate recovery programs of its kind, and as a nationally recognized center at the forefront of addiction and recovery science, the CYAAR provides campus-wide coordination and options for students, staff and faculty interested in exploring the impact of addiction, alcohol and other drug use on their lives and the lives of others around them. Learn more about the CYAAR here. Follow CYAAR on Facebook.

About KSU: For more than 50 years, KSU has been known for its entrepreneurial spirit and sense of community. Offering campuses in Marietta and Kennesaw, the university is located just north of Atlanta and combines a suburban setting with access to one of the country’s most dynamic cities. As Georgia’s third-largest university, KSU offers more than 150 undergraduate and graduate degrees, including the growing doctoral program. Designated by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as a comprehensive university, KSU is committed to becoming a world-class academic institution positioned to broaden its academic and research missions and expand its scope on a local, regional and national level. To learn more, call (470) 578-2538 or click here. Follow KSU on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

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