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**Charlotte Behavioral Health Care Presents Film
“Suicide the Ripple Effect” in Movement to Help Prevent Suicides**

Punta Gorda, FL (March 29, 2018) – Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (CBHC) is committed to addressing suicide prevention in Charlotte County.

To help draw attention to this issue, CBHC is hosting a special screening of the new inspirational documentary “Suicide the Ripple Effect,” which will be followed by an engaging discussion on the topic with a panel of experts. This event is scheduled for Saturday, May 12 at 3 p.m. at Regal Town Center Stadium 16, located in the Port Charlotte Town Center Mall, 1441 Tamiami Trail, Port Charlotte, FL.

The film chronicles the story of Kevin Hines, who at age 19 attempted to take his life by jumping from the Golden Gate Bridge. Amazingly, he survived. Since then, Kevin has been on a mission – using his story to help others find recovery and stay alive. The film also features some of the world’s leading suicide prevention experts and shines light on people who are using personal experiences with suicide to help others find the hope they need to stay alive.

“According to the most recent statistics, 17.7% of all deaths in Charlotte County are attributed to suicide,” said Kelly Pomerville, director of marketing at public relations at CBHC. “We hope that by sharing this movie with our community, we are opening the dialogue while bringing community awareness and understanding on ways to prevent further suicides.”

Across the globe, nearly 1 million people die annually by suicide. In the United States alone there are one million suicide attempts in a given year and over 44,000 deaths by suicide, with our military being hit particularly hard. Research has shown that for every one death by suicide, over 115 people are directly affected and impacted. The estimated financial cost of suicide is over 51 billion dollars annually.

With your support in attending the event and/or sharing the event with your family, friends and colleagues, we can draw more attention to this devastating health crisis, while helping more people find the support they need to #BeHereTomorrow.

Tickets are \$12.50 each (includes a \$2.50 processing fee from the Stadium) and can be reserved at <https://gathr.us/screening/reserve/22401>. They can also be purchased on CHBC’s website at www.cbhcfl.org/events. Limited seating is available, so reserve your tickets today!

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