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**“DINE WITH A STAR AT THE BURG’R BAR” FUNDRAISER
TO SUPPORT SUICIDE PREVENTION AND EDUCATION**

PUNTA GORDA, Fla. (February 6, 2017) – Join us in the side yard at Burg’r Bar, located at 317 Tamiami Trail in Punta Gorda, on Tuesday, March 14 from 5 p.m. until late for a fundraiser benefiting the Fred Lang Foundation to support suicide prevention and education in Charlotte County.

Local “celebrities” will be on hand to serve attendees food and drink throughout the night, and several surprise STARS will show up to dine among the guests. Pulled pork sandwiches and chicken, water and soda, and beer and wine will be available for purchase, with 100% of the proceeds benefitting Charlotte Behavioral Health Care’s (CBHC) Zero Suicide Program. Popular local artist Chris G will be providing the evening’s entertainment, and there will be a raffle for a fabulous prize.

“We are very excited to partner with the Fred Lang Foundation,” said Paul Lynch, owner of Burg’r Bar, “Mental Health and suicide prevention are very important issues, and our goal to help make a difference.”

In fact, suicide rates in Charlotte County (18.9%) are one of the highest in the State of Florida, and Florida ranks 49th in per capita spending for mental health treatment.

“Charlotte Behavioral Health Care has put its Zero Suicide Program at the top of its agenda,” said Keith Callaghan, President of the Fred Lang Foundation (Fred Lang Foundation is the fundraising arm for CBHC.), “They’ve made ‘Signs of Suicide’ presentations to all 7th and 8th graders in Charlotte County and have hosted parent nights so that parents learn to distinguish the difference between normal teenage angst and behaviors that may signal depression and thoughts of suicide.”

For more information or to sponsor the event, call Kelly Pomerville at (941) 639-8300 x 2275.

About Charlotte Behavioral Health Care

Operating for 47 years, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care seeks to optimize health, improve quality of life and build an overall feeling of wellness for all children, adolescents, adults and families in Charlotte County. More than 2,000 children and a total of 15,000 residents are treated annually at CBHC for mental illnesses, behavioral disorders or substance abuse addictions.

CBHC, a private, non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, helps individuals find hope for a brighter tomorrow through effective mental health and substance abuse treatment provided to children and families in Charlotte County. For more information, visit www.cbhcf.org.

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