



**For Immediate Release**

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Punta Gorda, FL- Join us July 28<sup>th</sup> for the “Harbors Hottest” event, the 9th Annual Summer Ball presented by Fred Lang Foundation to benefit Charlotte Behavioral Health Care. This event is an annual signature fundraiser that benefits children, adolescents, and families of Charlotte County who are in urgent need of crisis counseling, mental health counseling and/or addiction treatment at CBHC. The Fred Lang Foundation began in 2001 so that the non-profit, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care, could continue to provide professional services to all people in our community, regardless of their ability to pay. The Fred Lang Foundation’s mission is to help individuals find the hope for a brighter tomorrow through effective mental health and substance abuse treatment. Funds from the Foundation are donated to CBHC to underwrite services for low income residents of Charlotte County. Without the Foundation’s assistance, some children, teens, adults and families might not be able to get the help they need.

This year’s need has proven to be acutely critical with so many children, teens and families reaching a breaking point with the current economy, giving rise to a tremendous increase in demand for services with so many in our community unable to afford therapeutic treatment and having little to no insurance.

This year’s Summer Ball will be held July 28<sup>th</sup>, at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center in Punta Gorda at 6:00 pm. Tickets are \$100 each and the event is black tie. Last year’s Summer Ball raised \$25,000, which went directly to providing those services previously mentioned. CBHC currently provides services to over 10,000 individuals in Charlotte County, 3,000 of which are children, who cannot afford mental health and/or substance abuse counseling.

“This year the theme of the Summer Ball is ‘Harbor Nights’ and are excited that The Crashers will be providing the dancing entertainment. The event is open to the public; you do not need a formal invitation.” comments Jessica Boles, Event Chair for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Ball.

A special thanks to the following for sponsoring this year’s 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Ball: Centennial Bank, SunTrust, Nicholas & Sarah Lang, Margo Lang, SunTrust, Ambitrans, Charlotte Regional Medical Center, Mosaic, Carolyn Hansman, Merrill Lynch, Palm Automall, Christina Narr, Smugglers Enterprises, Alliance Performance Systems and Marketing Arm International.

If you would like to become a sponsor or buy tickets to the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Ball planned for July 28, 2012 at the Charlotte Harbor Event & Conference Center in Punta Gorda, please contact the Foundation today. The Foundation greatly accepts donations and gifts throughout the year. For more information on sponsorships and tickets, call Jessica Boles, Director of Community Relations at Charlotte Behavioral Health Care at 941-347-6407, or visit [www.cbhcfll.org](http://www.cbhcfll.org)