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Maple Counseling Celebrates Five Decades of Serving the Community with 50th Anniversary Gala, Tea and Tequila

The gala will honor Judy Briskin and Rex Wilder with the Humanitarian Award, and John and Kristin Jameson with the Philanthropic Leadership Award

Beverly Hills, CA – Experience a very special afternoon high tea with a unique and playful twist at Maple Counseling’s 50th Anniversary Gala. The event will take place on October 23, 2022 at The Maybourne Beverly Hills with a creative culinary experience featuring a selection of fine teas, tastings of Casamigos ultra-premium award-winning tequilas made from the finest hand-selected 100% Blue Weber agaves, and an array of savory and sweet gourmet delicacies created by the executive chef at The Maybourne Beverly Hills. Tequila courtesy of Casamigos. The tea and tequila will be served at 4:00pm, followed by the award presentations and program.

The gala and awards ceremony will bring together community leaders, philanthropists, and others to celebrate the honorees, all of whom have made significant impacts to the Los Angeles community. The 2022 Award honorees are:

- **JUDY BRISKIN AND REX WILDER**

Los Angeles natives Judy Briskin, and her son, internationally recognized poet and photographer Rex Wilder, are the visionaries and seed funders for Maple's new Briskin | Wilder Welcome Center.

Judy's philanthropic endeavors are deeply involved with the community. Whether it's healthcare, education, homelessness, synagogue life, or arts and culture, Judy has eagerly volunteered her time and resources to effect change and strengthen the fabric of L.A. Through the Judy and Bernard Briskin Family Foundation, she, and her late husband Bernie, have left a meaningful charitable legacy throughout the city and set the gold standard for community support.

Rex has served on the Board of Directors at Maple Counseling for four years and is currently Co-Vice Chair. Rex's work on behalf of AIDS, Breast Cancer, and Parkinson's has netted over \$1 billion in the past 25 years. He currently works with NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness).

Both magnanimous philanthropists have also been instrumental in realizing Maple's new, state-of-the-art community clinic. Together they have set Maple Counseling on a bright course to take it into the next fifty years of vital community mental health services.

- **JOHN AND KRISTIN JAMESON**

John and Kristin Jameson epitomize philanthropic leadership at its best, having dedicated most of their adult lives to innumerable humanitarian causes.

John has served on Maple Counseling's Board of Directors since 2012, with four of those years as Chair, while running a successful legal recruiting firm, The Jameson Group, in Beverly Hills. Previously, John was Chair of the Legal Services Division of UJF and President of Hillcrest Country Club.

Kristin, in addition to her previous leadership positions as Co-President of Temple Emanuel of Beverly Hills and President of the Friends of the Beverly Hills Public Library, has been a pillar of support for Maple Counseling and for John throughout his long tenure stewarding Maple Counseling.

John and Kristin's support of Maple Counseling has been longstanding, vast and vital. In many ways, Maple Counseling reached this landmark 50th anniversary due to Kristin and John's tireless dedication, support, and wisdom.

"We are thrilled to honor Judy Briskin, Rex Wilder, and John and Kristin Jameson at this year's Maple Counseling 50th Anniversary Gala," said Hon. Myra Lurie, Chair of Maple Counseling's Board of Directors. "Mental health impacts people from all walks of life. They have helped transform the lives of countless individuals and families seeking mental health care for themselves or a loved one in Los Angeles County."

Proceeds from the event will support Maple's mission to provide low-cost comprehensive mental health services to adults, children, couples and families, while training the next generation of clinicians working towards licensure in the mental health field.

"This year's honorees are exceptional individuals. They are the heroes who help save lives by quietly doing whatever it takes to remove barriers to mental health treatment so that more families can thrive," said Varina Bleil, Executive Director of Maple Counseling. "I am very grateful that we have an opportunity to honor them for their tireless efforts."

Individual tickets to the event are \$350 and a variety of sponsorship opportunities are available

For additional information, contact the Maple Counseling office at 310-271-9999 or email mpatey@tmcc.org.

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About Maple Counseling

Maple Counseling is a critically needed resource for people in Los Angeles County and beyond. For almost 50 years, Maple Counseling has been one of the few low-fee counseling services available, where people pay what they can afford. The mission of Maple Counseling is to provide low-cost comprehensive mental health services to individuals of all ages, couples, and families, and to provide training for graduate and postgraduate students who are working towards licensure in the mental health field. Maple Counseling offers treatment for depression, anxiety, trauma, grief and loss, stress, and relational problems, among other mental health needs. Maple Counseling guides clients toward self-awareness and improved emotional coping, with the goal of having a productive and fuller life experience. At the same time, Maple Counseling develops the mental health workforce through its structured program for completion of experience required for licensure as a Marriage and Family Therapist (MFT), Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), and Psychologist (PhD, PsyD). All services are provided by interns working towards their licensure in the state of California under supervision of highly-experienced licensed clinicians. Maple Counseling offers programs to meet the needs of its clients from infants through the advanced elderly. Please visit <https://www.maple4counseling.org/> for more information.

Maple Counseling is temporarily offering all services remotely via HIPAA-compliant tele-health platforms. We look forward to providing in-person services again when it is safe.

If you are interested in seeking mental health care for yourself or a loved one, please call the Briskin|Wilder Welcome Center to determine how Maple Counseling may help you at 310-271-9999.

Learn more about Maple Counseling [here](#).

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