

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREVENT SUICIDE + HELP SAVE LIVES.

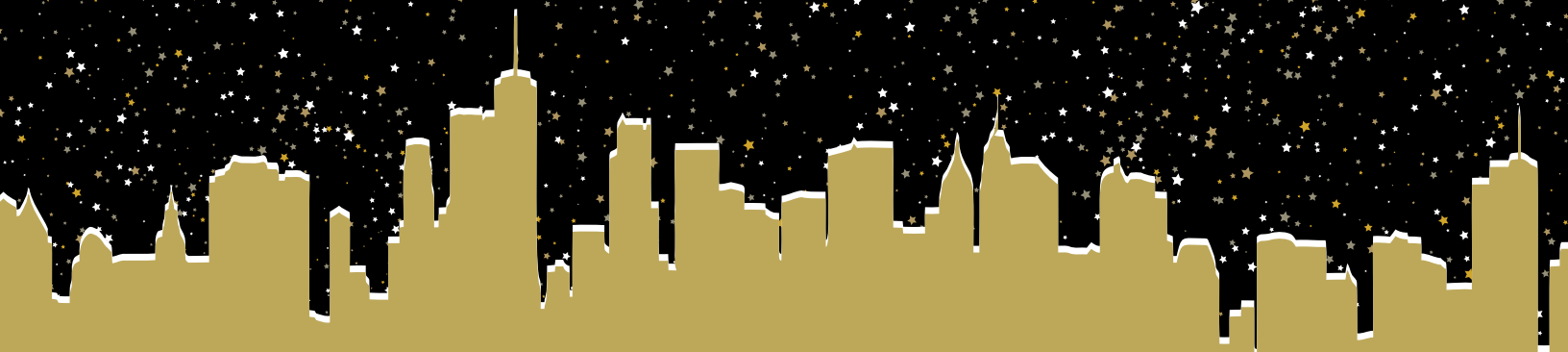
SAMARITANS'

Suicide

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 2024

230 FIFTH PENTHOUSE

6-9 PM



CELEBRATING HOPE

Welcome to the Samaritans Soirée! We are thrilled to have you join us tonight as we gather to celebrate and support the invaluable services provided by Samaritans.

Your presence here not only highlights your commitment to our cause but also strengthens our mission of offering compassion, empathy, and support to those in need. Together, we are making a profound difference in the lives of individuals facing emotional distress and crisis.

We extend our deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and generosity. Thank you for being champions of hope and advocates for mental health awareness.

Enjoy the evening ahead, knowing that your presence here tonight truly makes a difference.



Thank You

Wes Puryear, Board President
Samaritans Suicide Prevention Center

Samaritans Board of Directors: Elizabeth Carroll, Dave Cazeau, Melissa Conway, Devin Kothari, Keith Shinberg (Secretary), Bianca Shmulevich, Norberto Velazquez (Vice President), Varun Sudhakar (Treasurer), and Jeremy Wells



GREETINGS + GRATITUDE

A message from
Samaritans'
Co-Executive
Directors

We are honored that you have joined us tonight at Samaritans' Soirée to support our programs and the remarkable volunteers who undertake this lifesaving work.

Samaritans' volunteers are the heart of this organization. It is their effort and energy that bring healing and hope to those who need it the most.

Time and again the transformative power of this work has shown itself. We have been inspired by the strength and resilience of the people we serve and are continually humbled by the trust they place in Samaritans during their most vulnerable moments.

None of this would be possible without all of you, our supporters. Your generosity and kindness allows Samaritans' to connect with a person in crisis and to stand alongside them so they don't have to go it alone.

“Your generosity and kindness allows Samaritans' to connect with a person in crisis and to stand alongside them so they don't have to go it alone.”

Thank you for being a part of this community. We hope that you carry with you the knowledge that your support has left an indelible impact and that you leave feeling fulfilled and empowered to continue making a difference.

Warmly,



Joy -&- CASEY

Joy Savola + Casey Starr,
Co-Executive Directors
Samaritans Suicide Prevention Center

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

6.00 PM

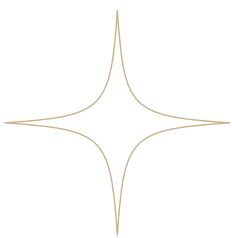
SILENT AUCTION + OPEN BAR

Featuring live music and specialty cocktails
courtesy of Bajan 1966 Rum

7:30PM

NEW YORK'S NICEST AWARD

Casey Starr,
Samaritans Co-Executive Directors



WHY I STAND WITH SAMARITANS

Jack Harrington,
Vice President, Bank of America High Grade Credit Sales

APPRECIATION REMARKS

Wes Puryear, Samaritans Board President

Global Head of Fixed Income Specialists,
J.P. Morgan Private Bank

8:30PM

SILENT AUCTION CLOSES

Proceed to the Information Table
to see if you won and to closeout!

9:00PM

EVENING CONCLUDES-
GET HOME SAFELY!



SILENT AUCTION

TRAVEL

- 1 Fabulous Hudson NY Vacation House** **Value: \$1,200** **Minimum Bid: \$600**
Come enjoy some peace and tranquility while experiencing all that Hudson has to offer for 3 nights. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath house sleeps 6. Newly renovated, it is just 3 blocks from Warren Street in Hudson, home to amazing restaurants and vintage stores. It is also just a 7 minute walk to the Hudson River and the backyard overlooks the river and the Catskill Mountains. Blackout dates apply.
- 2 Escape To The Ranch** **Value: \$2,200** **Minimum Bid: \$950**
Escape to The Ranch at Woodstock for two serene days surrounded by tranquil zen trees. This sanctuary is an ideal retreat for relaxation and self-renewal. Enjoy 2 nights, 3 days, and complimentary lunch for 4, complete with delightful beer tasting flights.
- 3 Stay Like A Boss** **Value: \$3,6000** **Minimum Bid: \$1,000**
Indulge in a 2-night stay at a luxury International Hotel, featuring executive central park views and exclusive treats of champagne and chocolates. A splendid way to pamper yourself or a loved one! Located at the Trump International Hotel.

STYLE

- 4 Bespoke One of One** **Value: \$500-700** **Minimum Bid: \$300**
Customize your style with Jeff Puryear, designer for CEOs and athletes. Provide a shoe, and Jeff will personally help you design a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. A unique gift for Mother's Day!
- 5 Custom Blazer + Shoe Package** **Value: \$900** **Minimum Bid: \$400**
Nothing is better than custom. Find your perfect fit with this expertly tailored custom Stantt Blazer. Stantt offers high quality fabrics and designs. Discover the magic of Stantt's fitting process – an experience unlike any other that truly engages the customer in finding the perfect fit. In addition, you'll receive your choice of handcrafted Magnanni leather shoes, renowned for their Spanish shoemaking artistry and timeless Oxford style.
- 6 Top Bespoke Fashion for Him** **Value: \$1,590** **Minimum Bid: \$650**
Step into the spotlight with a bespoke suit crafted by none other than Stephen Seo, the renowned wardrobe designer from the hit series ENTOURAGE. This is your chance to elevate your style and channel the same sophistication as your favorite stars.
- 7 Contemporary Jewelry Suite** **Value: \$500** **Minimum Bid: \$250**
Indulge in elegance with this captivating collection of handcrafted necklaces, bracelets, and earrings from Thailand. Nakamol Jewelry presents a curated selection of stylish and distinctive pieces, each adorned with genuine stones. Wearers can revel in the pride and appreciation that comes from owning meticulously crafted jewelry.

HOME

- 8 Revitalize Your Kitchen** **Value: \$550** **Minimum Bid: \$200**
Elevate your home with the Modern Sprout Hydroponic Kits! This enticing package promises a lush oasis of greenery and flavor right on your kitchen countertop. In addition, you'll also receive four exquisite handmade ceramic art plates by East Village artist Zofi.
- 9 Sip & Savor Basket** **Value: \$500** **Minimum Bid: \$200**
Discover a premium collection of wines and spirits, featuring Ruinart Champagne, Glenmorangie Whisky, Joseph Phelps Wine, Volcan Tequila, and Minuty Rosé. Perfect for any connoisseur. This selection is a celebration of premium craftsmanship and diverse flavors for the discerning palate.

SILENT AUCTION

HEALTH & BEAUTY (MOTHER'S DAY GIFTS!)

- 10 A Year of Exclusive Wellness** **Value: \$2,000** **Minimum Bid: \$800**
Unlock a transformative year with Lauren Roxburgh, "The Body Whisperer." This package offers a year's subscription to Aligned Life Studio, with a wide array of health programs and workouts. You'll also get a 30-minute personal consultation to craft your fitness journey. Plus, the package includes a set of wellness tools designed to complement your routine. Embrace a holistic approach to health and elevate your well-being with this exclusive offer.
- 11 Beauty Essentials Basket** **Value: \$500** **Minimum Bid: \$200**
Elevate your beauty routine with our exclusive Milk Makeup Cosmetics basket. Each product is vegan, clean, cruelty-free, and paraben-free, ensuring you look and feel fabulous. Inside this chic basket, you'll find an array of versatile and innovative makeup and skincare items, perfect for expressing your unique style
- 12 Cosmetic Care Package** **Value: \$950** **Minimum Bid: \$400**
Place your bid for an exclusive opportunity to experience a personalized consultation with the esteemed Dr. Julie Russak. Following the consultation, enjoy a complimentary Botox treatment in your preferred location. Elevate your beauty with a state-of-the-art cosmetic procedure that ensures minimal downtime. Don't miss out on this exceptional chance for a transformative journey toward radiant skin.
- 13 Natural Radiance Kit** **Value: \$200** **Minimum Bid: \$100**
Treat your mother to the gift of natural elegance this Mother's Day with Bobbi Brown's Jones Road collection. Bid on this exclusive set to elevate her everyday beauty routine with clean, high-quality makeup that enhances natural beauty and radiance.
- 14 Unlock Your Best Health** **Value: \$1,500** **Minimum Bid: \$500**
Embark on a transformative journey with Jennifer Hanway's Lean & Clean program—an 8-week weight loss and wellness plan designed by the renowned celebrity nutritionist herself. This comprehensive program is tailored to help you shed pounds, elevate your energy levels, and revitalize your metabolism.
- 15 Mental Health Makeover** **Value: \$800** **Minimum Bid: \$300**
Experience a month of transformative therapy sessions at Hand Extended Therapy. Their seasoned therapists will guide you through the intricate landscapes of your mind, fostering a nurturing environment for healing and empowerment. Whether it's a gift for someone else or for yourself, this journey of self-discovery and growth supports mental health and personal well-being. Bid now and invest in a brighter, healthier version of yourself!

ART

- 16 Surrealist Art Work** **Value: \$1,400** **Minimum Bid: \$400**
Immerse yourself in the surreal with Alex Puryear's stunning alcohol ink artwork. This vibrant piece, rendered in watercolor, measures 18x24 inches. It's a perfect addition to any art collection,
- 17 "Flooded Path" Oil Painting** **Value: \$800** **Minimum Bid: \$300**
An exquisite oil painting on linen, "Flooded Path" invites viewers to explore a mysterious landscape. Measuring 24x24 inches, this evocative piece resonates with the beauty of the natural world. Kamilla Talbot, an alumna of the Rhode Island School of Design and the New York Studio School, weaves her artistic journey through solo exhibitions at prestigious galleries across New York and Denmark
- 18 Dervish Reverie Canvas** **Value: \$150** **Minimum Bid: \$75**
Adorn your walls with an original 16x16 oil painting by Sombul Augustine, featuring whirling dervishes, bringing spiritual movement and energy into your living space.

SILENT AUCTION

EXPERIENCES

- 19 Private Comedy Show** **Value: \$700** **Minimum Bid: \$300**
Craving laughter and lively vibes? Look no further! Living Room Laughs delivers New York City's top stand-up comedians right to your doorstep. Customize your one-hour show with four handpicked comedians in the comfort of your home. Get ready for a side-splitting experience with talent from HBO, Comedy Central, Netflix, and beyond!
- 20 Billion Dollar Brainstorm** **Value: Priceless** **Minimum Bid: \$500**
Jumpstart your business! Gain invaluable insight from FanDuel founder Nigel Eccles during a 2-hour lunch strategy session to discuss your business goals, and then join Samaritans treasurer Varun, a seasoned expert who's raised over \$100s of millions for startups., for a fundraising strategy session. Nigel and Varun are the ultimate duo to take your business to the next level.
- 21 WWE Experience** **Value: \$300** **Minimum Bid: \$100**
Get ready for an action-packed night with exclusive WWE wrestling fan tickets. You and 3 guests will enjoy seats at a live taping of a WWE event in Binghamton on June 2nd at 7:00pm, giving you the ultimate experience of being up close and personal with your favorite wrestlers.
- 22 Golf with Giants** **Value: \$2,400** **Minimum Bid: \$1,100**
Tee off alongside former NY Giants MVP OJ Anderson in an unforgettable celebrity golf experience. With only eight coveted spots available, this package includes two tickets for an intimate round of golf, followed by golf awards, brunch, and a cocktail reception. Don't miss your chance to play with a legend and enjoy a day of luxury on the greens.
- 23 Tee Off In Style** **Value: \$800** **Minimum Bid: \$300**
Bid on an exclusive golf package for four at Flushing Meadows and Clearwater Park, two premier New York courses. Enjoy 36 holes of golf, picturesque fairways, and challenging greens. Plus, the icing on the golf ball: a \$250 gift card from Five Iron Golf to elevate your game!
- 24 Fine Dining At Its Best** **Value: \$1,000** **Minimum Bid: \$500**
Indulge in culinary excellence with this \$1000 gift card for Eleven Madison Park, a world-renowned Michelin-starred restaurant. Whether you're celebrating a special occasion or simply savoring an unforgettable dining experience, this card grants you access to an exquisite menu crafted by acclaimed chefs. Additionally, car service to and from the restaurant will be provided, ensuring a seamless and luxurious dining experience.
- 25 Instant Millionaire** **Value: \$250** **Minimum Bid: \$100**
Instant millionaire! Take a chance with \$250 in New York Lottery scratch off tickets. Hey, you never know!

Help save lives with every bid!

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS



Robert Wood Johnson Foundation

JONES ROAD



MAGNANNI



FANDUEL

NAKAMOL

J.P.Morgan

**BAJAN 1966
RUM**

JENNIFER HANWAY
HOLISTIC NUTRITIONIST



STEPHEN SEO
Collection

abgprint
around the clock. on the dot.

Milk
MAKEUP

STANTT



ELEVEN MADISON PARK

HALO
HYDRATION™



5i
FIVE IRON GOLF



Hand Extended Therapy

modern sprout.

A special thanks to Samaritans Host Committee: Elizabeth Carroll, Michael Cassidy, Grant Dally, Paul Glezer, Jack Harrington Robin Levine Shobin, and Forrest Mcneil

CELEBRATING OUR NYC COUNCIL MEMBERS!



Council Member
KEITH POWERS



NYC Council Speaker
ADRIENNE E. ADAMS



Council Member
CHI OSSÉ



Council Member
VICKIE PALADINO



Council Member
CARMEN DE LA ROSA



Council Member
MERCEDES NARCISSE



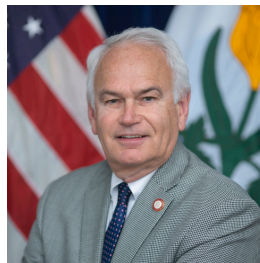
Council Member
LINDA LEE



Council Member
FARAH N. LOUISE



Council Member
INNA VERNIKOV



Council Member
ROBERT HOLDEN



Council Member
CAROLINA RIVERA

Thank you for all you do!



Samaritans

PRESENTS



New York's Nicest is awarded annually to individuals or groups in recognition of their deep commitment to improving the quality of life for their fellow New Yorkers.

NEW YORK'S NICEST 2024 HONOREES

Recipients of the New York's Nicest award embody Samaritans' befriending philosophy, practiced across the world at over 400 centers in 42 countries.

The core tenets of *befriending* aim to alleviate human misery, loneliness, and despair by offering non-judgmental support to those who feel they have no one else to turn to, and who yearn for understanding and acceptance.

This year Samaritans is proud to present this award to two dedicated and outstanding individuals :

**NYC Council Speaker Adrienne E. Adams,
Cheryl Hall and Charles Arrigo**

Congratulations! ✨

NEW YORK'S NICEST

2024 HONOREES



ADRIENNE E. ADAMS

NYC Council Speaker

Adrienne E. Adams, the first-ever African American Speaker of the New York City Council, leads the most diverse and first women-majority Council in the city's history, also representing District 28 since 2017.

Under her leadership, the Council has tackled inequities, advancing women's health, supporting crime victims, and addressing workforce disparities. She has been instrumental in passing legislation for maternal health, abortion access, and crime victim support at the neighborhood level.

Adams has also focused on housing, approving projects for over 12,000 units, with a significant portion being affordable, and establishing a Fair Housing Framework. Her tenure has seen the passage of critical police reform legislation, the plan to close Rikers Island, and initiatives for education equity.

Raised in Hollis, Queens, Adams is a Spelman College graduate and has worked in corporate training and childhood development. She began her public service on Queens Community Board 12, advocating for education and quality of life improvements.

A member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and active in community organizations, Adams is a dedicated wife, mother, and grandmother, deeply rooted in her community.

Her lifelong dedication to community service has guided significant investments and funding initiatives, reflecting her commitment to helping marginalized members of society.

NEW YORK'S NICEST 2024 HONOREES

CHARLES ARRIGO

Verizon

At Samaritans, we say, "Suicide prevention starts with me." We all have a role to play, and you don't have to be an expert in suicide prevention to make a difference; you just need to care enough to act.



Charles is living this call to action through his tireless and meticulous work in maintaining Samaritans' phone system, ensuring that vital, life-saving calls are always answered. His commitment serves as a powerful reminder that the impact we can make often comes in unexpected ways and should never be underestimated.

By keeping these crucial lines of communication open, Charles serves as the initial spark that not only supports those in immediate crisis but also ignites a ripple effect of care and intervention, extending far beyond the initial call.

Charles' actions exemplify the incredible power indirect contributions can have in addressing big issues, emphasizing how each individual effort helps build a community that is more supportive and resilient.

NEW YORK'S NICEST 2024 HONOREES



CHERYL HALL

NYC DOE Coordinator of Child Abuse
and Maltreatment Prevention (Retired)

Cheryl A. Hall, born in Guyana and the youngest of seven, moved to the U.S. with her sister Joy as a teenager. After graduating high school, Cheryl earned a Bachelor's degree from Hunter College, and went on to obtain advanced degrees from Brooklyn College and the College of St. Rose in Albany.

Cheryl's career is characterized by her deep commitment to safeguarding NYC's children. She started as an Elementary School Counselor with the NYC Department of Education (DOE) in 1986, advocating for educational rights and empowering students facing unique and diverse challenges for over 17 years.

Cheryl trained as a Crisis Management Counselor and became nationally certified as a Senior Life Space Crisis Intervention Trainer. Her crisis intervention skills were not just utilized professionally but personally as she assisted both family and friends in times of distress.

Advancing in her career, Cheryl took on significant roles within the NYC Department of Education (DOE). She became a Senior Educational Administrator in the DOE's Office of Guidance and School Counseling and ultimately served as the Citywide Coordinator of Child Abuse and Maltreatment Prevention.

In this capacity, she was responsible for overseeing all support service staff and ensuring that all mandated requirements and training initiatives related to student crises and suicide prevention were effectively implemented. Cheryl also held a prestigious position as a Governor on the Executive Board of the New York State School Counselors Association.

Now retired, Cheryl continues her commitment to education by providing staff development for NYC School Counselors and remains an active member of both the NYSSCA and the American School Counselors Association (ASCA).

Her retirement has also allowed her to travel extensively, including a trip to Tanzania to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and a return visit to her native Guyana after 50 years to immerse herself in the foods and culture that define her identity.

UNDERSTANDING suicide

Causes, trends + how you can help.

KEY STATISTICS (US)*

Suicide is a leading cause of preventable death.

Someone dies by suicide every 11 minutes.

There is one suicide attempt every 26 seconds.

Suicide is the leading cause of death for Millennials.

The suicide rate for Black youth is rising faster than any other racial/ethnic group (+73% since 1991).

45% of LGBTQ+ youth seriously consider suicide each year.

Women attempt suicide at 3.5x the rate of men.

Men die by suicide at 4x the rate of women.

55% of suicides involve a firearm.

More people die from suicide than car accidents.

Almost twice as many people die from suicide than homicide.

1 in 59 Americans have lost a loved one to suicide.

A previous attempt is the strongest risk factor for suicide.

*Statistics are taken from the most recently available data from CDC WISQARS, Trevor Project + Drapeau, C. W., & McIntosh, J. L. (2023).

INCIDENCE

Suicide is a public health crisis on a global scale. It is the leading cause of violent death across the world. More than 700,000 fatalities worldwide each year (WHO, 2023).

In the US suicide rates hit an **all-time high** in 2022 rising to 49,449 deaths. This marks a 3% increase from 2021.

WHY DO PEOPLE DIE BY SUICIDE?

1

Suicide spans all demographics. It affects people of every age, race, gender identity, sexual orientation, culture, religion, + socioeconomic background, though certain groups may experience higher rates than others.

2

There is no single cause for suicide. It often results from a combination of factors such as high levels of prolonged distress, mental health issues, and trauma, all interacting with an individual's unique characteristics and life circumstances.

Suicides can also occur impulsively in moments of crisis often related to a major life changes, sudden loss or stressors such as financial or legal troubles.

3

Suicide is an ambivalent act. It is the end result of a process in which an individual's ability to cope breaks down, leading to intense struggle and crisis.

People who die from suicide often experience overwhelming loneliness, feel like they are a burden, and believe their circumstances will never change.

As a person's ability to cope diminishes, they find it increasingly hard to see alternative ways to alleviate their suffering. Importantly, suicide is not about dying, but a desperate search for relief from unbearable pain.

SUICIDE CAN BE PREVENTED



INDIVIDUAL



90% of people who survive a non-fatal suicide attempt **DO NOT** go on to die by suicide.

Self-harm and suicidal behaviors stem from a mix of personal factors (like mental health, coping styles, genetics), individual circumstances, and stressful events.

For the majority, feeling actively suicidal temporary. Targeted mental health support focused on preventing suicide can help a person manage these feelings, ease distress, and reduce risk.

Learning the warning signs and risk factors for suicide, increasing protective factors like social support, and reducing access to lethal means can help save lives.

SOCIETY

Structural forces like racism and other forms of social inequality not only heighten the risk of suicide but also hinder prevention efforts, particularly for individuals with intersecting marginalized identities.

Expanding access to community support and mental health services for marginalized groups, and measures to increase safety around access to lethal means is key to preventing suicide.

Stigma can also make it hard for people to seek help; outreach campaigns aimed at combatting stigma can encourage those in crisis to reach out for support.



Expand Culturally Informed Care



Enhance Protective Factors



Increase Lethal Means Safety



Combat Stigma

 samaritans



You can help prevent
suicide + save lives.



SCAN TO DONATE!

samaritansnyc.org





2024