

The Marion C. Smith – Partner of the Year Award

Recipients

CELEBRATE RECOVERY!!!

Join the Voices For Recovery: Strengthening Families and Communities

September is designated as **National Recovery Month** and this year we're highlighting the importance of families, communities, and individuals sharing stories of recovery to encourage others to seek treatment, share their stories, and make a personal connection with the recovery movement.

Background: The *Trailblazer Award* was created and presented on September 30, 2014 to *the Honorable Marion C. Smith* for being the first Executive Director of Fairfield Behavioral Health Services (*formerly Fairfield County Substance Abuse Commission*) whose leadership advanced the health of Fairfield County through *substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services* for 20 years (1975 -1995). In 2015 it was renamed to the **Marion C. Smith Partner of the Year Award.**

Purpose: This award was created to recognize a partnering organization or entity for outstanding contributions to *Fairfield Behavioral Health Services and the field of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and behavioral health*. Nominees for this award recognize the importance of substance use prevention, treatment and recovery services. They recognize that preventing addiction allows for an overall reduction in chronic diseases, crime, dropouts, child abuse, and other public health concerns.

2015

Fairfield County Department of Social Services



Tammy Fullwood, Human Services Coordinator II

2016

Fairfield County School District



Superintendent J. R. Green, Ph.D

2017

Fairfield County Council

(Annual operational funding; rent FREE building and maintenance of current facility and grounds; \$500,000 contribution towards Fairfield Behavioral Health Services' new Outpatient Treatment Facility)



Front Row Left to Right:; Mr. Davis Anderson (Fairfield County Deputy Administrator); Mr. Jason Taylor (Fairfield County Administrator); Rev. Quincy Pringle (FBHS Board Chair); Councilman Doug Pauley (FBHS Board County Liaison); Mr. Vernon Kennedy Sr. (FBHS Executive Director); Mrs. Jannita Gaston (FBHS Board Member); and Dr. Virginia Schafer (FBHS Board Member)

2018

S. C. Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services-Fairfield County Tiffany Phillips, Agent In Charge

(Consistently referred 30+ adult annually for over 30 years, Excellent partnership and communication with FBHS staff, NEW monthly staffing of cases to ensure accountability of referees participating in services, Increased follow-up effort on all non-compliance referrals and Continue support and attendance at recovery month, 5K activities)



Left to Right:
Mr. Vernon Kennedy Sr. (FBHS Executive Director) and
Ms. Tiffany Phillips (Agent in Charge)

2019 (2 Award Recipients)

Fairfield County Sheriff Department Sheriff Will Montgomery

(Participates in the annual 5K Run/Walk and Donated their \$100 team award from the 21st 5K Walk Run to the grand opening celebration; Partners in several FBHS initiatives like permanent Prescription Drug Drop Box, Opioid Overdose Prevention and Treatment NARCAN training, Prescription Drug Take Back Days; Just Plain Killers Symposium, Alcohol Enforcement Team, etc.)



Left to Right:
Mr. Brian Bonds (FBHS Board Chairman)
and
Major Brad Douglas
(accepting on behalf of Sheriff Montgomery)

Winnsboro Public Safety Chief John Seibles

(Monitors and assist with the annual Alcohol Awareness Month 5K Run/Walk; Partners in several FBHS initiatives like permanent Prescription Drug Drop Box, Opioid Overdose Prevention and Treatment NARCAN training, Prescription Drug Take Back Days; Just Plain Killers Symposium, Alcohol Enforcement Team, etc.)

Left to Right:
Chief John Seibles
and
Mr. Vernon Anderson (FBHS Board Vice Chairman)

