



A NIGHT For NEXUS

Nexus Recovery Center is excited to announce the 2020 A Night for Nexus Gala co-chairs as Kristy and Raymond Faus.

Kristy and Raymond Faus are owners of Omnicotton, Inc. headquartered in Plano, Texas with offices in São Paulo, Brazil and Brisbane, Australia. Raymond is past president of the American Cotton Shippers Association and serves on various industry boards. Kristy is immediate past chair of the Women of Tocqueville - United Way of Metropolitan Dallas and serves as co-chair for the Women of Tocqueville Fund for Women and Children. She was recently honored with the Give Award for her work with United Way. Kristy is on the executive board of Nexus Recovery Center and volunteers her time in several other nonprofit organizations.

Kristy and Raymond are passionate about their work in the community and are long-time advocates in the area of recovery, having experienced addiction in their own extended family.

This year's gala will be held on Friday, October 23, 2020 at The Joule in downtown Dallas. For more information, contact Tiffani at tdavis@nexusrecovery.org.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

As this unprecedented time in our lives continues to unfold, Nexus is monitoring the COVID-19 health crisis very closely and implementing new strategies, protocols and procedures to minimize risks, reach people in new ways and continue providing high-quality, lifesaving addiction treatment services.

Just as every aspect of life has been affected by the outbreak of COVID-19, so too has every aspect of our work. We are learning, adjusting and growing day by day – led by an unwavering commitment to our staff and the clients who need our help now as much as ever.

To provide care for women, teens and their accompanying children who are turning to us for help in this extraordinary time, **Nexus is here**, admitting clients to residential care after heightened screening and offering virtual outpatient services.

If you would like to ensure that our clients get the support they need to break the cycle of addiction, please consider making a donation by visiting nexusrecovery.org/donate.

CLIENT SUCCESS STORY: ZENOVIA PETTY

Zenovia Petty is 34 years old and is more than 2 years sober. She works as a Recovery Coach in Recovery Support Services (RSS) at Nexus, where she provides resources and support for women struggling with addiction. As a former client, she provides a first-hand account of treatment at Nexus and serves as a role model for women in recovery.



Although her recovery journey has not been easy, Zenovia entered residential treatment at Nexus for the last time in late 2017. She was broken and beat up after years of addiction and homelessness. She had been picked up during a prostitution ring in South Dallas and was ordered to stay at Nexus for 45 days by the South Dallas Drug Court.

Zenovia credits Nexus' staff for teaching her the tools she needed to stay sober and "be who I am today." While in treatment she learned about the power of choice, addiction triggers, as well as coping skills. She was also one of the original participants in the newly formed Recovery Support Services. After leaving treatment, she maintained her sobriety by becoming involved with APAA, the Association of Persons Affected by Addictions, which helped her transition into her role at Nexus.

As a Recovery Coach, she is proud that she can now help women who have been referred to Nexus by the same court program in which she participated. Reflecting on her new role, Zenovia says, **"I love my job! I am able to show people, women, that you can have fun in recovery."** Through RSS, Zenovia, along with her colleagues and a group of clients, attended the Narcotics Anonymous – Esperanza Area Convention 6 in San Antonio in January where they heard NA speakers from around the country.

While Zenovia enjoys her work through RSS, she is also studying at Eastfield College to become a licensed chemical dependency counselor and hopes to one day become a social worker. She has also made strides in regaining conservatorship of her son and hopes to regain conservatorship of her daughter soon.

"[Nexus] has given me... so many gifts and I'm grateful."

Zenovia Petty

To donors, she says, **"Nexus has been a life-changing experience from...being a client to now...I've never had benefits on the job. I've never made over a certain amount. Thank you for giving me a...chance at life."**

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT: MICHELLE CRUM

Nexus is delighted to shine a spotlight on Auxiliary member, Michelle Crum, for her years of service. Originally from Colorado, Michelle moved seven times before graduating from high school in Oklahoma City, followed by OU in Norman. In 1981, Michelle moved to Dallas to work as a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines and eventually became an in-flight training instructor, responsible for teaching flight attendants how to evacuate airplanes and save lives.

After retiring from Southwest in 2011, Michelle became involved with the Auxiliary of Nexus thanks to her friends, Barbara Nesbitt and Karen Otto. Joining the Auxiliary provided the opportunity to meet the wonderful women of the Auxiliary and gain new experiences, while also contributing to a worthy cause.

Michelle has a strong passion for helping children. She oversees the party planning for three annual Auxiliary parties (Easter, Halloween and Christmas) for the children in our Child Development Center. At each party, you'll find Michelle wearing a themed and festive headpiece, much to the delight of the children, their mothers, and staff at Nexus.

Although she wasn't sure what life after Southwest would be like, she jokes that her time as a retiree has been busier than when she worked. When she is not volunteering at Nexus and the Magdalen House, Michelle enjoys traveling, walking her 8-year-old Goldendoodle named Murphy, and staying very involved with AA activities. She is also a substitute teacher at The Hockaday School.

When asked what drew her to Nexus, Michelle says **"Nexus is one of the few facilities that I know of that allows mothers to bring children in...[and] that meant the world to me. I think that's so important and so special."**



THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

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- Mavs Foundation - \$25,000
- ORIX Foundation - \$17,500
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- Patrick and Beatrice Haggerty Foundation - \$10,000
- Founders Garden Club of Dallas - \$3,000

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\$25	Provides diapers for 1 infant for 1 week
\$50	Provides milk and healthy snacks for a client's accompanying children for 1 week
\$100	Provides 10 Big Books of Alcoholics Anonymous for clients to use throughout their recovery
\$500	Provides hygiene products for female clients for 2 months
\$1,500	Provides basic needs and care for 1 child in our Child Development Center during their mother's treatment

LIFE AT NEXUS



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