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Longtime director of Bay Area Psychotherapy Institute honored for work

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Dr. Robert Marino, co-founder and longtime director of the Bay Area Psychotherapy Institute in Lafayette will be honored Nov. 3 for his many years working in the field of addiction and mental health. Marino, an Orinda resident of 30 years, left a legacy with his retirement earlier this summer.

From 1993 to his retirement in June of 2017, Marino maintained a private practice of psychotherapy in Lafayette and Orinda with a particular focus on the treatment of addicts and their family members. He regularly consulted with therapists throughout the Bay Area on issues of addiction, and made it a priority to reach out to numerous attorney, teacher, and parent groups to help inform them about mental health issues and addiction and how these affect their clients, their students, and their families. He believed each person must be understood and approached in an existential, psychological, and spiritual context.

Each year Constellation Behavioral Health hosts the Miracles Breakfast, an opportunity to gather to celebrate the miracle of recovery and honor the Northern California professionals whose dedication to the fields of addiction and mental health disorders is an inspiration to us all.

Dr. Marino will receive the Courage Tribute Award, which honors a professional who has empowered the addiction and mental health communities through advocacy, leadership, and courage. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at The Olympic Club, 524 Post St. in San Francisco.

Tickets are now available for individuals. For information about the Bay Area Psychotherapy Institute in Lafayette, visit www.bapti.org.

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