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LEADERSHIP LOUISVILLE CENTER ANNOUNCES ITS 2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS, MICHAEL MOLL ELECTED AS CHAIR

The Leadership Louisville Center is announcing the newly elected officers and members of its Board of Directors, who began their term July 1, 2016. The 2017 Board Chair is Michael D. Moll, Senior Vice President, PNC Bank.

Other elected officers are: Condrad Daniels, Houston-Johnson, Inc. – vice chair; David Hardy, CBRE Louisville – vice chair; Rebecca Phillips, MCM CPAs and Advisors – vice chair; Ken Selvaggi, WAVE 3 TV – vice chair; Chris Whelan, LG&E and KU Energy LLC – vice chair; Jennifer Hughes, DMLO CPAs – secretary/treasurer; Sandra Frazier, Tandem Public Relations – immediate past chair; and John Crockett, Frost Brown Todd LLC – counsel.

Eight community leaders also joined the board as directors for a three-year term. They are: Debra Clary, Humana Inc.; Steven Hester, M.D., Norton Healthcare; Jennifer Nolan, KentuckyOne Health; Cynthia Williams, Brown-Forman Corporation. Also new on the board are ex-officio directors: Sarah Barker as new president of the Junior League of Louisville, Chris Nation as new president of Young Professionals Association of Louisville (YPAL), Diane Porter, representing Jefferson County Public Schools (JCPS), and Sadiqa Reynolds, representing the Louisville Urban League.

GIVE LOCAL LOUISVILLE 2016 ANNOUNCES NEW PARTNERSHIPS AND REDUCED MINIMUM DONATION AMOUNTS

Excitement is building as we are less than one month from the next Give Local Louisville on September 15. In 2015, the 24-hour online giving day raised $3 million for the 362 participating nonprofits through donations from more than 5,200 donors from around the city, nation and globe. This year, more than 600 local nonprofits are registered to participate. Those wishing to donate can do so at givelocallouisville.com from midnight to 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, September 15.

To celebrate one month from the city's biggest day of giving, Give Local Louisville has launched a new partnership with Papa John's Pizza. Through September 18 when you enter promo code GIVELOCALLOU, you get 25 percent off an online regular menu price order and Papa John's will donate back 15 percent of your discounted purchase price to the Give Local Louisville Bonus Pool. The offer is valid online only through September 18, 2016 at all participating Louisville area locations.

In addition to the Papa John's Promo Code, the Community Foundation of Louisville has lowered the minimum donation amount to $10 from $25. "After last year's event, we received feedback that $25 was out of reach for some people who wanted to participate. And we listened," said Anne McKune, program officer at the Community Foundation of Louisville. "Our goal is to increase donor participation by making Give Local Louisville more accessible to more people, and we think this will help do that."

Give Local Louisville has a number of donors and sponsors supporting the cause, including Delta Dental, the Sam Swope Family, LG&E and Harshaw Trane. Other local organizations have showed support as well. On Wednesday, Louisville FC held a special night for Give Local Louisville. In addition, the Louisville Bats will host a Give Local Louisville night on August 30, where they will provide participating nonprofits four free tickets, tabling opportunities for some of the participating nonprofits, and the ceremonial first pitch, among other activities.

CAR T-CELLS TARGETING CD4 PROTEIN GRANTED ORPHAN DRUG DESIGNATION FOR TREATMENT OF PERIPHERAL T-CELL LYMPHOMA

iCell Gene Therapeutics has announced that the Food and Drug Administration has granted Orphan Drug Designation for its chimeric antigen receptor engineered T-cells directed against the target protein CD4 (CD4CAR) for the treatment of peripheral T-cell lymphoma (PTCL).

William Tse M.D., chief of the Blood and Marrow Transplantation Division, Department of Medicine at the University of Louisville School of Medicine, said "We are very excited to have this opportunity to partner with iCell Gene Therapeutics to lead the efforts of preparing this cutting-edge immunotherapy into first-in-human clinical trial for patients suffering this extremely difficult-to-treat T-cell lymphoma."

The Orphan Drug Designation program provides orphan status and associated development incentives to drugs and biologics intended for the safe and effective treatment, diagnosis or prevention of rare diseases or disorders that affect fewer than 200,000 people in the United States.

Yupo Ma M.D., Ph.D., professor of pathology at Stony Brook University and chairman and chief scientific officer at iCell Gene Therapeutics, said, "CD4CAR could significantly enhance currently available treatment options for these patients. The Orphan Drug Designation is an important achievement as we advance our development plans for this promising treatment in T-cell hematologic cancers."

LUXURY SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY MOVING FORWARD IN PROSPECT

Top-of-the line independent, assisted living and memory care residences will be offered at the $20 million The Grand of Prospect, a luxury senior living community in Louisville.

The community will be located on 14.8 acres at 5217 Chamberlain Lane near Norton Commons, at the northeast corner of US-71 and Chamberlain Lane. Construction is scheduled to begin in the fourth quarter of 2016 with completion expected the first quarter of 2018.

The project will unite the talents of Guttman Properties of Cincinnati and Civitas Senior Living, a national provider of senior living communities. Mindel, Scott and Associates, Inc., of Louisville has been selected as the civil engineer, and pH7 Architects of Columbus, Ohio has been selected as the architect.

The community will include a total of 168 apartments with a mix of independent senior lifestyle apartments, assisted living suites and memory care suites.

Guttman Properties of Cincinnati, led by Ian Guttman, 50, is a newly-formed real estate development company with a focus on senior housing development solutions and up-scale apartment communities.

"We all want the best for our parents as they age because we love them," said Guttman. "Studies have shown that seniors who live in housing that offers a resort-like experience feel connected to a community and have a better quality of life."

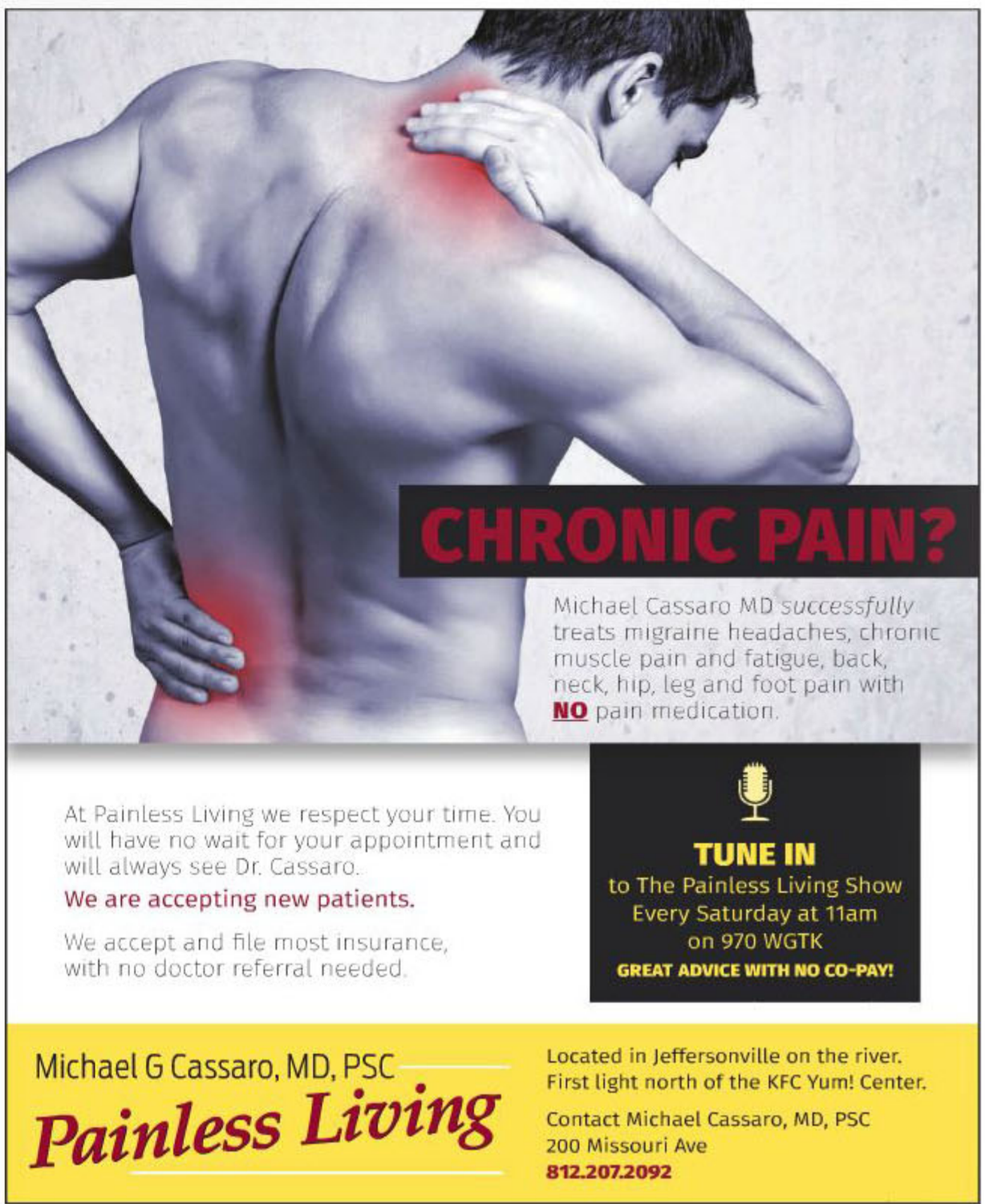
The Grand of Prospect will have amenities including indoor and outdoor dining options; massage room; theater room; salon and barbershop; a playground for families and neighbors; and elegantly landscaped grounds in a serene setting.

Social clubs and activities will be designed for active seniors' interests. The assisted living and memory care amenities will include a courtyard with walking path, theater, private dining and many more industry leading amenities.

The Grand of Prospect will be owned by the development team of Guttman Properties and Civitas Senior Living. Civitas Senior Living will provide daily operational oversight under the leadership of Wayne and Misti Powell. The Civitas team has more than 30 years of experience.

PLANET FITNESS NAMED PRESENTING SPONSOR FOR 2017 LOUISVILLE TRIPLE CROWN OF RUNNING

The Louisville Triple Crown of Running (LTCOR) has announced that the Louisville-based franchisee of Planet Fitness has signed on as the presenting sponsor of the popular three-race series. The Planet Fitness franchise led by brothers David and Rick Kueber owns and operates 25 Planet Fitness clubs in five states, including eight area clubs in Louisville and Southern Indiana.

"We are excited to welcome Planet Fitness as our new title sponsor," said Fred Teale, Rodes City Run race director and LTCOR spokesperson. "We think their focus on making fitness available to folks who may have never before belonged to a gym will help us continue to expand the number of participants in our three events."

As part of the sponsorship, all Louisville-area Planet Fitness clubs will offer a training program beginning this fall, and help pay the entry fee for members who want to walk or run the events for the first time.