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DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



We are excited to share with you some of the highlights in

I am so pleased to say that our 2014 **Loving Spoonfuls**

Challenge was our most successful yet!

this newsletter.

Dr. Robin Joy Berenson

Most importantly, the success of this annual fund raiser supports CIP's services throughout the year, providing a vital safety-net for families, children and adults. The availability of these needed services strengthens our community for all.

There is growing recognition that health is not simply the absence of illness or pain, but a connection to a sense of purpose and well being. Sound mental health is the ability to enjoy a full and productive life: to work and learn, build loving relationships, and contribute to the greater community.

In therapy at CIP, we not only aid clients in overcoming their emotional pain, supporting them in ending selfdefeating patterns and finding new answers, but we help them reconnect to their essential selves. Everyone possesses innate inner strengths and resilience, although pain may block access to them. The process of healing is the process of discovering the enduring self so as to live authentically and compassionately.

We know that the key lies within the individual. So many people coming to us have lost faith, in others and in themselves. Our clinical staff model empathy, respect, and compassion so that individuals can learn to practice these essential qualities for themselves.

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LOVING SPOONFULS Marin's Soup and Dessert Challenge VETERAN CHALLENGERS WIN THE DAY!



Judge Leslie Harlib at podium and David Haydon and staff of Il Davide Restaurant

It was a Loving Spoonfuls first! Two returning challengers, chef Aaron Wright of The Tayern at Lark Creek and David Haydon of Il Davide Restaurant, came away with the first place awards in both the People's Choice Awards and the Expert Judges' Awards for their superlative entries in the soup, appetizer, and dessert categories!

The 2014 Loving Spoonfuls: Marin's Appetizer, Soup & Dessert Challenge held in Mill Valley on Saturday, January 25, was a sold-out affair, attracting more than 350 food-lovers of all ages who sampled the offerings of 15 of Marin's best chefs and browsed the laden Silent Auction tables.

People's Choice Awards

Best Soup: "Roasted Winter Vegetable Soup," chef Aaron Wright, The Tavern at Lark Creek

Best Appetizer: "Porcini Filled Cappelletti with White and Black Truffle Cream," chef David Haydon, Il Davide Restaurant

Best Dessert: "Butterscotch Pot de Crème with Salted Caramel, Shaved Chocolate and Maldon Sea Salt," chef David Haydon, Il Davide Restaurant

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LOVING SPOONFULS

Marin's Soup and Dessert Challenge



CIP Board Member Cordie Traber, CIP Executive and Clinical Director Dr. Robin Berenson, and Maureen Machanich



Former CIP President Scott Muldavin and U.S. Congressman Jared Huffman



The Judges' Awards

Before the doors opened to the public, challengers' entries were evaluated by this year's culinary professionals, **Anna Haight** (Bread and Butter columnist *Marin Independent Journal*); **Leslie Harlib** (lifestyle journalist and restaurant critic); and **Tyson Greenwood**, Head Chef for Apple. Thank you, Judges!

First Place Soup: "Roasted Winter Vegetable Soup," chef Aaron Wright, The Tavern at Lark Creek

First Place Appetizer: "Porcini Filled Cappelletti with White and Black Truffle Cream," chef David Haydon, Il Davide Restaurant

First Place Dessert: "Butterscotch Pot de Crème with Salted Caramel, Shaved Chocolate and Maldon Sea Salt," chef David Haydon, Il Davide Restaurant

Foodies, families, and friends flocked to the Mill Valley Community Center for a delicious Saturday afternoon Second Place Soup: "BBQ Smoked Ramen," chef Jamie Prouten, Tiburon Tavern

Second Place Appetizer: "Peruvian Causa with Smoked Trout," chef Jayne Reichert, The Cooking School at Cavallo Point

Second Place Dessert: "Strawberry & Cream Fraisier," chef Alex De Jesus, L'Appart Resto







Three-time Award-winner Chef Aaron Wright, The Tavern at Lark Creek



CIP Interns Kasia Kanska, Caroline Keystone, Hayley Dawson (left to right)



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Thank you to all our 2014 Challengers for their outstanding contributions

Bayside Marin

Fenix

Il Davide Restaurant

L'Appart Resto

Marin Joe's

Peacock Gap Range Cafe & Clubhouse

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The Cooking School at Cavallo Point

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When Wordsworth undertook their first assignment for CIP, Executive Director Robin Joy Berenson supplied Barbara Brauer with copies of all CIP's computer files, which fit comfortably on a single 5-1/2-inch floppy disk.

It was 1988, before CIP had its own computer or administrative staff, and Barbara and husband Laurence provided the agency's computer-based needs for the next several years.

WORDSWORTH

www.wordsworthofmarin.com

Since that time, much as changed for both CIP and Wordsworth, but the working relationship remains strong. Barbara provides grant and other institutional writing, including both print and email newsletters, while Laurence works as typesetter for the agency's publications.

Now celebrating 30 years, Wordsworth's primary business is book production, including writing, editing, and prepress services for authors and publishers. Poetry collections and memoirs are their specialties.

Of CIP, Barbara says, "It's an honor to work with such a fine organization committed to the health and well-being of those in our community, especially those most vulnerable and at risk. We are proud to sponsor Loving Spoonfuls."

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EMOTIONALLY FOCUSED COUPLES THERAPY: GETTING TO THE HEART OF THE MATTER

A Seminar for Professionals Saturday, April 5, 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM with Sam Jinich, PhD

> Albertus Magnus Hall Dominican University, 50 Acacia Ave, San Rafael

6 CEs for MFTs & LCSWs
6 CEs for Psychologists
CIP Members: \$75 early registration
\$85 after 3/26
Non Members: \$110 early registration
\$120 after 3/26

Emotionally Focused Therapy (EFT) offers a unique combination of empirically supported change processes and techniques informed by an explicit theory of adult love. In this seminar, an overview of Emotionally Focused Couples Therapy will be presented with a particular emphasis on how the approach explores both the intra-psychic and the interpersonal worlds of the couple in distress.

Dr. Sam Jinich, PhD, is a licensed psychologist in private practice in San Francisco since 1995. He is a certified therapist and supervisor in EFT, and is a co-founder of the Northern California Community of Emotionally Focused Therapy (NCCEFT).

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Fund A Need: CIP's Youth Programs 2014–2015

CIP's youth outreach programs, the Schools Project for Disadvantaged Students at Risk, Afterschool Counseling at Canal Alliance and our Free and Strong groups, provide vital support to low-income children and youth, enabling them to overcome problems that compromise their ability to succeed in school and in life. Each year, these programs successfully serve more than 150 students, helping them to stay in school, off drugs, and build bright futures.

These outreach services are provided by CIP at no cost to the children, their families or the schools. We depend on community donations to support these programs.

Planning is underway for the 2014-2015 school year. Our ability to maintain these vital programs depends on securing sufficient funding. Every dollar donated to CIP's Youth Programs will go directly to fund these proven, effective services.

With your gift, a child's healthier, better tomorrow can begin today. To donate, please visit www.cipmarin.org.

The Power of Communal Singing to Increase Connection and Elevate Mood

Presented by Geraldine Alpert, PhD Co-Sponsored by the San Francisco Psychological Association and Marin Psychological Association CARE (Colleague Awareness Resources and Education)
Saturday, April 19, 1:00 – 4:00 PM San Rafael (Directions upon registration)

Free admission; CEs \$15.00

To register, email Geraldine.Alpert@gmail.com



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Community Institute for Psychotherapy (CIP) is a nonprofit, tax exempt center founded in 1977 to provide high-quality, low-cost counseling and psychological services to individuals and families who don't have the resources to pay full fees for professional help. CIP offers a full range of services designed to meet a variety of needs.

We at CIP believe that through psychotherapy, training, education, and prevention, we have a vital role to play in personal and global change. We believe the healing of the individual and the healing of the planet are inseparable.

Our work is accomplished in cooperation and coordination with a wide variety of public and private agencies and individuals throughout Marin County.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

We give our clients the skills and tools to access their inner resources via mindfulness, meditation, self-knowledge, and an understanding of the influence of thought, negative or positive, on emotions and actions.

Through this careful and caring process, clients become the parents, family members, coworkers, and community members they so want to be, aware of a renewed sense of purpose and joy of living. Students in school discover a sense of empowerment and new faith in their own ability to make good choices for themselves; they grow more curious, stronger, and become better learners.

Each year, the healing and therapy CIP brings to the community changes hundreds of lives, from elementary school students in public schools, to elders at Senior Access. Our outreach programs bring services to those who otherwise could not afford or access them.

On behalf of all of us at CIP and the people we serve throughout the community, we thank you for making our 2014 Loving Spoonfuls event such a success!

Be sure to mark your calendars to join us for our fifth annual Loving Spoonfuls, Saturday, January 24, 2015.



CIP's 2013 Human Race team raised \$5,800 to support vital services.

SUPPORT CIP AT THE 2014 MARIN HUMAN RACE!

Whether you like to run or walk, engage in fun activities, or simply want to cheer on CIP interns, staff, and supporters from the sidelines, we hope you'll show your support for CIP on **Saturday**, **May 10**, **2014**, in the 32nd Annual Marin Human Race!

Please consider sponsoring the CIP team by making a tax deductible donation of \$10, \$20, \$50, \$100, \$1,000 — or?

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