

EAC Network Newsletter

Referring to the power of gathering, Alice Waters once said: “it inspires us, delightful to be more hopeful, more joyful, more thoughtful...”

On November 17th, 2022, EAC Network is meticulously hosting a Gala in honor of the 55,000 people that we serve. “Another occasion for us to be inspired and find new ways to help our community. Please join us”, Neela Mukherjee Lockel, President and CEO of EAC Network.



YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

BUILDING BRIDGES GALA
Presented by
 **EAC**
NETWORK

Benefitting People in Need
Throughout Greater NY

NOVEMBER 17TH | 5:30 PM-10:30 PM
GARDEN CITY HOTEL
45 SEVENTH STREET, GARDEN CITY 11530

KEY NOTE SPEAKER
RICHMOND COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY
MICHAEL E. MCMAHON

MISTRESS OF CEREMONY
KRISTIN THORNE FROM WABC-TV NEW YORK

COCKTAILS, DINNER, DANCING, AWARDS PROGRAM & PRIZES

TICKET: \$400

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The key note speaker of EAC's 2nd Building Bridges Gala will be the Richmond County District Attorney, Michael McMahon. Kristin Thorne, from WABC-TV New York, will graciously be our Mistress of Ceremony.

Michael McMahon



Michael E. McMahon was inaugurated as the District Attorney of Richmond County on January 1, 2016.

“To achieve true public safety we must go upstream to address the root causes of criminal behavior. While every facet of our society has a role to play in this mission, we are in a unique position to help these vulnerable and potentially dangerous individuals before they harm themselves or someone else. This essential and tremendously difficult task would never be possible without EAC, and I am honored to join them at their Building Bridges Gala.”

Kristin Thorne



Kristin Thorne is an Emmy Award-winning reporter who works for WABC Channel 7 Eyewitness News in New York.

“I’m proud to lend my voice to an organization that helps so many of my fellow New Yorkers. It seems nearly impossible that EAC helps as many people as they do, but they really do, and I’m happy to do anything to help them in that mission.”

Collaboration between EAC and the DA's office

EAC Network, in collaboration with the Richmond County District Attorney's office, keep communities safe, through our Alternative to Incarceration Programs (ATI).

Alternative to Incarceration Programs (ATI)?

ATI programs are diversion programs that are mandated by judges and provide participants with supportive services in their communities instead of a jail or prison sentence

The EAC's Alternative to Incarceration team collaborates with the District Attorney's office, the defense bar, and the Treatment Courts to identify and evaluate individuals who may be appropriate for mental health diversion services.

Miriam David, Senior Case Manager with Staten Island TASC stated: " DA McMahon has developed and grown an ATI unit that is vital in early identification of treatment appropriate cases, collaborative in treatment planning with EAC and shown his commitment to helping appropriate defendants the opportunity to engage in treatment as an alternative to incarceration. Without DA McMahon's support and collaboration, EAC would not have the opportunity to help as many of our community members as we do. It is through this collaboration that we jointly help our fellow Staten Islanders change their lives and continue to give back to our beloved island. "



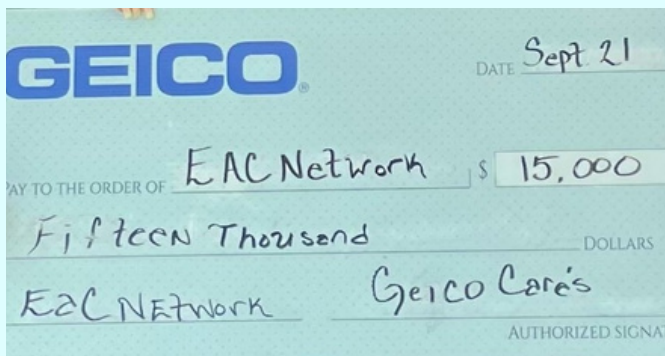
Miriam David
Senior Case Manager w
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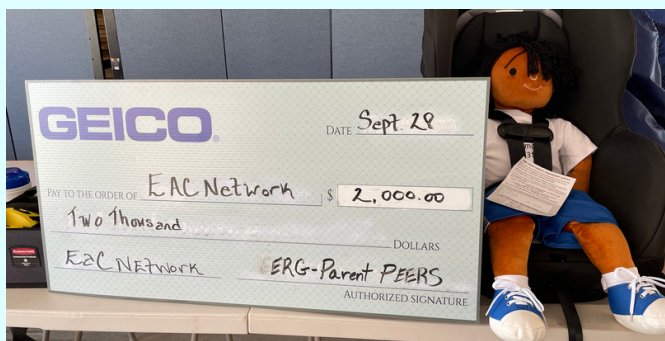
\$15,000 grant from Geico Foundation to support EAC's Safestart program.

On September 21st, 2022, EAC Network happily received a \$15,000 grant from the Geico Foundation.

This grant is to help the Safestart program work with parents to promote effective and appropriate use of car seats booster seats and seat belts to prevent injuries to children and occupants of all ages.



On September 28th, 2022, EAC Network happily received a second check of \$2,000



Rachel Lugo is EAC's Division Director of Family Support and Vocational Services. Rachel stated: "Our injury prevention program depends on donations to help promote and expand our program services .

The donation of \$17,000 from the Geico Philanthropy Foundation helps to create a safer and resilient community."



Rachel Lugo Division Director of Family Support and Vocational Service

National Recovery Month EAC Network Meets and Greets the Community



Elected Officials, the media and neighbors joined EAC's staff in Hempstead, NY to reduce stigma about substance abuse during a Meet and Greet at the New Path Treatment Center on September 20, 2022.

Elected officials present expressed their support to EAC in its mission to help those struggling with substance abuse.

The New York Islanders who donated 100 backpacks



To support the center. The backpacks were distributed among EAC's clients and members of the community



Neela Mukherjee Lockel, the President and CEO of EAC, was interviewed by News 12 TV Channel.



The Empowered

At EAC we help members of the community
to gain control over their life

September was National Recovery Month.

Meet John B. John a substance abuse survivor. John recovered from substance abuse through EAC's New Path Treatment Center.

John has been receiving treatment at EAC for over a year.

" I have been sober for 15 months" said John. " Everyday is just great....I feel wonderful about life...I would recommend EAC to anyone who needs help."

John is one of the many happy faces that we Empower, Assist and Care for at EAC Network.

Help us in our mission to help our client get control over their life. To donate, go to"

<https://givebutter.com/MoreToDo>

