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### EMBERWOOD CENTER COUNSELOR WINS RECOVERY ADVOCATE OF THE YEAR AWARD

EmberWood Center counselor Keith Sneed received an honor as Recovery Advocate of the Year at Drug Free Marion County's annual Indiana Addiction Recovery Month Celebration on Sept. 30. Two other Hoosier residents also received advocate honors. The event took place at the Harrison Center for the Arts, where earlier in the month EmberWood Center and the Harrison Center co-hosted *Myths of Addiction*, an art gallery show featuring addiction and recovery-themed artwork. The exhibit was on view for the event, as it had been left up for the month of September, which is Recovery month.

Sneed has been an Adult Substance Abuse Counselor at EmberWood Center since 2004, and volunteered with the organization in 2003. He holds a B.A. degree in Psychology from Martin University, with a minor in addiction counseling. He is certified in CADAC I and II and ICADC I and is a peer-to-peer counselor in the Access to Recovery Program.

With regard to his award, Sneed said, "I've been on both sides of the desk, and I was helped. I just want to give back and help others." Sneed, along with another EmberWood Center counselor, hosted an outside firepit activity at the Myths event where individuals shared stories of hope and recovery instead of ghost stories. The activity turned into spontaneous theatre as individuals eagerly shared their personal journeys with attendees. *Myths of Addiction* was intended to raise public awareness about addiction and reduce the stigma associated with it.

Emberwood Center is an Indianapolis not-for-profit offering adult and adolescent outpatient drug, alcohol, and gambling treatment and positive youth-development services designed to prevent substance abuse. Drug Free Marion County, a not-for-profit organization, plans, promotes, implements and coordinates community efforts to prevent and reduce alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse among youth and adults.