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Bunker, formerly of the Cummer Museum, was recognized in 2020 with the Ann McDonald Baker Art Ventures Award for making an "indelible mark on our cultural community" over the last 50 years. The donated painting will be part of the online silent auction, which is open to everyone at rootball2022.ggo.bid.

Baptist Health and Wolfson Children's introduce free, 24/7 Crisis Text Line for all ages

Mental health support is now at your fingertips.

To address the growing need for accessible mental health resources, Baptist Health and Wolfson Children's Hospital are collaborating with Crisis Text Line, the nation's largest text-based crisis-intervention service, to ensure mental health support is only a text away.

Crisis Text Line is guided by a vision for an empathetic world where no one feels alone. Individuals of all ages facing mental health struggles can text LIFE to 741741 to

connect with a live, trained Crisis Counselor and receive confidential support - 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Counselors are trained in active listening, collaborative problem solving and safety planning to help texters navigate difficult emotions.

"COVID-19 continues to have countless negative effects on the mental health of adults, teens and children, and we are committed to finding new, innovative ways to better serve our community," said Terrie Andrews, PhD, vice president of Baptist and Wolfson Children's Behavioral Health. "In a focus group with local teens, we found they preferred texting for help over calling because it was easier to express their feelings. Crisis Text Line is not only an accessible option for those in need, but it's also an approachable one, broadening our reach and helping us prevent future crises from happening."

Since its launch in 2013, Crisis Text Line reports it has answered more than six million texts, with 75% coming from those under the age of 25.

Adults, teens and kids can also call the Baptist Health 24-Hour Crisis Hotline or Wolfson Children's Kids & Teens Helpline at 904.202.7900 to connect with a trained mental health expert and receive emergency telephone support and assessment, crisis stabilization information and referral to follow-up care, if needed.

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St. John's Cathedral elects new Vestry members



Paige Hakimian, Lloyd Lewis, Will Ketchum, Chris Collinsworth, Meg Sacks absent

St. John's Cathedral has announced the election of five new members to its Vestry.

Chris Collinsworth, Director of Education at San Jose Episcopal Day School has been an active member of St. John's for the past decade and has witnessed countless selfless acts of love and compassion from Cathedral members. Paige Hakimian, Vice President for Community Relations and Advancement at Hakimian Holdings is a certified lifestyle medicine coach who leads a Health & Wellness Series on Sunday mornings. Will Ketchum, President and CEO of High Reason sees St. John's Cathedral as a powerful, joy-filled respite in a complex world. Lloyd Lewis retired from the Federal Aviation Administration in 2018 as an Airway Transportation System Specialist and has been an active Cathedral member since 2012; he will work closely with the properties committee to oversee the campus. Meg Sacks, Director of Marketing for Episcopal School of Jacksonville envisions the Cathedral as a thriving community and encourages others to give it a try.

The Vestry, now with 13 members, provides leadership and oversight for the administration and operation of the Cathedral, giving the dean and clergy a representative voice in the parish.

Jacksonville Speech & Hearing launches Mobile Clinic Initiative



Michael Howland-President and CEO of Jacksonville Speech & Hearing Center, Mari Kuraishi-President of the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, and Kirk Brennan-JSHC Board Chair

Jacksonville Speech & Hearing Center (JSHC), a local nonprofit devoted to providing high quality professional and compassionate care to all individuals with hearing, speech and/or language disorders in our community, announced the launch of their Mobile Clinic Initiative, at the Jessie Ball duPont Center. The Mobile Clinic, dubbed the Communication Station, will allow JSHC to offer services to those unable to access care in the clinic. Made possible by funding through a grant from the Jessie Ball duPont Fund, JSHC modified a 15 passenger sprinter van into a mobile speech and hearing center that will allow clinicians to provide communication health services at preschools, assisted living facilities, and other venues outside of their clinical offices. "In the past year we have seen an increased demand for speech and hearing therapy. The JSHC Communication Station will help us address this growing need by removing the transportation barrier that so often keeps members of our community from the healthcare services they so desperately need," explains Michael Howland, President, and CEO for Jacksonville Speech & Hearing Center. "Access to hearing healthcare improves a patient's quality of life. Quality hearing services ensure that a patient never misses important medical or safety instructions or the joy of a family member telling them 'I love you.'"



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