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WaterFire Providence Announces a Partial Lighting on Friday, July 14, 2023 in the Basin of Waterplace Park

Supported by Horizon Health Partners

Providence, **RI** WaterFire Providence announces a partial lighting on Friday, July 14 in the basin of Waterplace Park supported by Horizon Health Partners. The lighting will begin at 8:19 p.m. and the braziers will remain lit until 10:30 p.m. Programming will begin at 7:00 p.m.

"Horizon Healthcare Partners is proud to sponsor WaterFire and the <u>Check the Stigma Hockey Classic</u> which is scheduled for the next day, Saturday, July 15th at Providence College Schneider Arena. Both events highlight the importance of mental health, substance use and suicide prevention efforts in Rhode Island," says Cliff Cabral, CEO of Horizon Healthcare Partners.

Cabral further emphasizes, "Check the Stigma will support the work of the seven behavioral health organizations that make up Horizon Healthcare Partners including Child & Family RI, CODAC, Community Care Alliance, Galilee Mission, Newport Mental Health, Tides Family Services and Thrive Behavioral Health. Together we can 'check the stigma' and ensure that all Rhode Islanders have the opportunity to live their best lives and have access to services that assist them with mental health wellbeing, the treatment of mental and substance use disorders, and support for those in recovery from these conditions, along with support for their families and communities."

Horizon Healthcare Partners will have 10 information booths around the basin of Waterplace Park where visitors can speak to representatives from their own organization and others like Aware Recovery, The Cavanaugh Foundation, No Solo, and SquadLocker, or hear more about the weekend's festivities around Check The Stigma by chatting with Bobby Farnham, The Providence Bruins & Providence Bruins Fan Club, and perusing through Check The Stigma Auction booth.

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Visitors can choose from two food vendors during the night, including Matilda RI and Binge BBQ which will be located on Finance Way.

WaterFire Providence thanks our generous supporters for helping to make this season possible. Details of the season schedule will be posted on the WaterFire Providence website at https://waterfire.org/schedule. Additional events may be added to the schedule as funding becomes available.

"WaterFire offers companies a unique and one-of-a-kind engagement opportunity anywhere by creating unforgettable customer experiences that very often exceed sponsors' marketing objectives," says Ed Cabral, manager of sponsorships and corporate relations. Contact ed@waterfire.org for more information regarding opportunities in 2023 and 2024.

WaterFire Providence 2023 Season Supporters

State of Rhode Island, Governor Daniel J. McKee; Rhode Island Commerce; The City of Providence, Mayor Brett P. Smiley; The Providence City Council; The Rhode Island General Assembly; Dunkin'; Providence Tourism Council; Rhode Island State Council of the Arts; Providence Warwick Convention & Visitors Bureau; PVDFest & FirstWorks; The 28th North American Catalysis Society Meeting; Rhode Island Energy; Bank Newport; Gloria Gemma Breast Cancer Resource Foundation; Cox Business; Check the Stigma Hockey Classic to benefit Horizon Healthcare Partners; Amica Insurance; Rhode Island School of Design; Fidelity Investments; Textron Charitable Trust; Bank of America; United Way of Rhode Island; Rhode Island Department of Education; XQ Institute; Cox Media; Rhode Island Monthly; WPRI 12 & FOX Providence & The Rhode Show; Cumulus Media; iHeart Media, Inc.; The Providence Journal; IGT; JP Morgan Chase & Co; Gooseneck VIneyards; United Site Services Northeast; Stanley Tree Service Inc.; AJT Supplies; Fire Works Catering; McLaughlin & Moran, Inc; Dan's Management Company, a Dunkin' Franchisee; Let's Roam.

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WaterFire Providence® is an independent, 501(c)3 non-profit arts organization whose mission is to inspire Providence and its visitors by revitalizing the urban experience, fostering community engagement, and creatively transforming the city by presenting WaterFire for all to enjoy. Each year nearly 1 million people come to downtown Providence to experience WaterFire contributing over \$149,000,000 to the local economy, generating over \$9,000,000 of direct tax revenue for the State of Rhode Island and supporting 1,294 jobs for community residents and strengthening Providence's Creative Capital and Rhode Island's State for the Arts brands. For information about WaterFire Providence and the WaterFire Arts Center visit https://waterfire.org/.