## Mental Health Awareness Month:

## Suicide Prevention Awareness Community Campaign

Iowa County, Wisconsin: Friday, May 5, 2017

In support of shattering stigmas related to mental health issues and suicide in Iowa County 22 businesses and schools have volunteered to participate in a Suicide Prevention Community Campaign.

The goal of the campaign is to have staff wear suicide prevention T-shirts every Friday for the month of May. This will be repeated in September, which is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. 350 Shirts were distributed. Iowa County as a community is uniting in the struggle against mental health issues and suicide, these T-shirt will start necessary conversation in each area and hopefully prevent suicides along with showing people who may be struggling with suicidal thoughts or the loss of a loved one to suicide, they are not alone.

Participants include: total of 155 shirts being distributed to school districts of Barneveld, Darlington, Belmont, Mineral Point and Dodgeville. 195 shirts were distributed across the county to businesses (Alphabetical order).

Arena: BP Station, Grandma Mary's Cafe

Avoca: Easy Stop, Royal Bank

Barneveld: Village Clerk, schools

**Cobb**: Royal Bank

**Dodgeville**: City Hall, Schools, Upland Hills Health, Iowa County Employees, Military Ridge Veterinary clinic, Dodgeville Movie Theatre, Corner Drug Store, Hidden Valley Church members.

Lone Rock: Royal Bank

Mineral Point: Chamber of Commerce, Schools, Library, City Clerks

Montfort: Village Clerk

Muscoda: Shell Station

**Spring Green:** Royal Bank

Contact:

IF you are interested in participating in September, contact us now to be on e-mail list for ordering. (\$5 each)

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