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Nationally Renowned Clinical Experts Make Rare Appearance to Present on Sex and Love Addiction

Sold Out Houston Audience Eager to Hear John Bradshaw and Dr. Patrick Carnes Discuss Love and Sex Addiction

HOUSTON, August 17, 2015 – On Thursday, August 20, nationally renowned clinical experts John Bradshaw and Dr. Patrick Carnes will make a rare appearance at The Council on Recovery in Houston to discuss love and sex addiction. Their joint presentation “Courtship Gone Awry: When Love and Sex Are Not What They Seem” will be held at The Council’s Hamill Foundation Conference Center. The event is now sold out, having reached the maximum capacity of 288 attendees just 12 hours after the opening of online registration. Audience members will include mental health professionals, recovery community members, and interested individuals from the Houston area.

At a time when sexual change is transforming the culture, these authors search for the commonalities of self-deception in a time of great sexual progress. During their presentation, these two long-time observers of human behavior will share from their latest writings about sex and love. Their observations are laced with good humor, informed research, and acute insight. They have been long-time friends but also have shaped much of our understanding of the recovery movement. Both clinicians and the recovery community will enjoy a warm atmosphere and a provocative discussion regarding some of the most significant shifts in our culture.

John Bradshaw – For the past four decades, John Bradshaw has combined his exceptional skills as a counselor, author, management consultant, theologian, philosopher, and public speaker to become one of the leading figures in the related fields of addiction/recovery, family systems, relationships, spiritual and emotional growth, and management training. John brought the phrases “dysfunctional families” and “inner child” into mainstream society. His dynamic training and therapies are practiced all over the world. A much sought-out speaker, John truly has touched and transformed the lives of millions. He was elected by a group of his peers as “one of the most influential writers on emotional health in the 20th Century.” John has appeared on over 800 television and radio shows worldwide including *Oprah*, *Good Morning America*, *CNN News* and *BBC* and has authored six books, three of which are *New York Times* Best Sellers, and all of which combined have sold over 12.5 million copies.

Patrick Carnes - Patrick J. Carnes, Ph.D. is the founder of the International Institute for Trauma and Addiction Professionals (IITAP) (www.iitap.com) and Gentle Path Press. His extensive background in the field of addiction therapy led Dr. Carnes to develop multiple cutting-edge recovery programs aimed at treating addictive disorders. He serves as executive director of the Gentle Path Program at The Meadows, a residential treatment program for sexual addiction in Wickenburg, Arizona. With more than 30 years in the sexual addiction treatment field, Dr. Carnes continues to spread his extensive knowledge as a speaker, presenter and interview subject. His assessment tools and related materials deliver an unprecedented approach to addiction recovery for sexual addicts and practitioners of addiction treatment who are trained through the Certified Sex Addiction Therapists (CSAT®) training and certification program.

“We are extremely honored by the presence of John Bradshaw and Dr. Patrick Carnes at The Hamill Foundation Conference Center at The Council on Recovery,” said Mel Taylor, President and CEO of The Council on Recovery. “Their extensive expertise on sex and love addiction coupled with their attention to family systems is applicable across the spectrum of addiction and related behavioral issues. Unique events such as this help us raise the standard of addiction care and education in the community to provide necessary public education and hope to families who are seeking a lifetime of recovery.”

This event is co-sponsored by The Council on Recovery and the International Institute for Trauma and Addiction Professionals (IITAP), of which Dr. Patrick Carnes is the founder.

To discuss opportunities to attend this sold-out event on a special press pass or to potentially arrange an interview, please contact Claire Holmes at 281.200.9333 or cholmes@councilonrecovery.org.

About The Council on Recovery

With a combined 117 years of experience, The Council on Alcohol and Drugs Houston (founded 1946) and Austin Recovery (founded 1967), have rebranded as The Council on Recovery. The combined organization offers the best in behavioral healthcare for the diverse communities of Texas, and a full continuum of treatment services and recovery support including the highest quality of residential and outpatient services for all individuals and families in need. The Council on Recovery is a nonprofit agency affiliated with the United Way, and also receives funding from The Texas Department of State Health Services as well as private contributions, special events and program fees on a sliding-scale basis according to client need. For more information about The Council on Recovery, please visit www.councilonrecovery.org.

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