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Actor Hank Azaria Headlines The Council's Spring Luncheon to Raise Funds for Addiction Treatment

HOUSTON, Texas (April 21, 2025) – The Council on Recovery is excited to announce that Hank Azaria will be the keynote speaker at its 41st Annual Spring Luncheon on April 25, 2025 at the Hilton Americas – Houston Hotel.

Since 1984, The Council's Speaker Series has raised funds for those affected by addiction, and has broken down the shame and stigma behind addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders that prevent people from seeking recovery. As one of Houston's premier fundraising events, the Speaker Series has gained national recognition and is among the largest philanthropic gatherings in Houston with nearly 1,000 attendees.



Photo by Laura June Kirsch

In addition to raising crucial funds, The Council's luncheon delivers a radical shift in perspective and opens the doorway to recovery. One past attendee remarked, "For the first time in my life, I felt the stigma of addiction lift. Here was a place free from shame and judgment. A place to share the stories of addiction, but more importantly to share the promises of recovery and the resources available to every person in Houston through The Council."

This April 25th, The Council will welcome Hank Azaria, a six-time Emmy Award winner, Screen Actors Guild Award winner, and Tony Award nominee. Most notably, Azaria has voiced over 100 characters on *The Simpsons*, including Moe Szyslak, Chief Wiggum, and Comic Book Guy. He is also known for his roles in films and television shows such as *The Birdcage*, *Along Came Polly*, *Night at the Museum*, *Godzilla*, *Quiz Show*, *Brockmire*, *The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel*, *Ray Donovan*, and *Friends*. Azaria has been in recovery since 2006.

The Council is now accepting corporate and organizational sponsorships and donations for the Spring Luncheon, as well as sales of tables and individual seats at the event. For more information or to attend, visit councilspeakerseries.org or contact The Council at speialevents@councilonrecovery.org or call 281.200.9336.

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The Council on Recovery is Houston's oldest and largest non-profit organization providing the full spectrum of prevention, education, treatment, and recovery services for individuals and families affected by addiction and co-occurring mental health disorders. Our mission is to lead the community in creating a path to freedom from substance abuse and related issues. We strive to provide the highest quality of care at affordable rates, directly serving tens of thousands of individuals each year. A partner of the United Way of Greater Houston, The Council receives funding from private contributions and grants, special events, and program fees. For more information, visit www.councilonrecovery.org.