



Jefferson Parish Diversity and Inclusion Board

Mental Health Awareness Month

The stigma around mental health and treatment has long existed, even though this has started to change. Still, people hesitate to seek help or even talk about it with their loved ones for fear of being judged and facing unnecessary backlash.

National Stroke Awareness Month

This month aims to create public awareness about stroke risk factors and to lessen the occurrence of stroke in the U.S. There are two main types of stroke – ischemic stroke, which occurs due to lack of blood flow, and hemorrhagic stroke, which occurs due to bleeding. Both conditions cause parts of the brain to stop functioning properly. A stroke happens in America every 40 seconds, and someone dies of it every four minutes.

ALS Awareness Month

ALS Awareness Month, which occurs every May, is a time where numerous organizations and communities get together to spread awareness regarding the disease called Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) – a terminal neuromuscular disease. Currently there is no cure for the disease however organizations like Team Gleason through its diverse and broad-reaching programming, bring assistive technology, equipment, and robust support services into the hands of ALS patients in the hope that they may thrive after a devastating diagnosis.

Jerry Bologna

Jerry Bologna serves as President & CEO of the Jefferson Parish Economic Development Commission (JEDCO). Since 2000, Jerry has played a significant role in industry recruitment, business retention efforts and major projects throughout Jefferson Parish. He has brokered over \$3 billion in private investment and played an influential role in the acquisition of the Avondale Shipyard, one of the region's greatest physical assets.



More info about D&I:

The mission of the Jefferson Parish Diversity and Inclusion Board (D&I) is to promote an environment that fosters a deliberate focus on acceptance, fairness, education and inclusion of diversity within the Jefferson Parish workforce. It is our belief that this quality will benefit everyone.

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