NEW YORK, NY – The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and its New York City Affiliate, the Alcoholism Council of New York (ACNY) held its 12th Annual Spring Luncheon, A Celebration of Hope, Help and Healing last week at the University Club in New York City.

The luncheon featured the presentation of two major awards, the NCADD Marty Mann Founder’s Award, which was presented to Stanley E. Gitlow, MD, and the NCADD Silver Key Award, which was presented to Harold G. Hathaway, III.

The NCADD Marty Mann Founder’s Award honors individuals of national prominence in the field of alcoholism and drug dependence whose life work strongly reflects the energy, dedication and focus exemplified by NCADD's founder, Mrs. Marty Mann. The award recognizes at least 10 years of exceptional contributions to public and professional education about alcoholism and other drug problems as treatable and preventable conditions and as major public health concerns.

Dr. Gitlow was honored for his pioneering and untiring efforts to help people recover from alcoholism and other drug addiction since he first entered the field of addiction medicine in 1952 while working with Dr. Ruth Fox, NCADD’s first Medical Director. Dr. Gitlow, a Professor Emeritus of Medicine at Mt. Sinai School of Medicine served as the second President of the New York Medical Society of Alcoholism and was a Founder and President- American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). Over his career, Dr. Gitlow was a member of numerous commissions, societies and organizations, has been principal investigator on government grants and has authored hundreds of scientific papers, book chapters and texts and is a recipient of the title of Emeritus Member of ASAM.

Over the years, The NCADD Marty Mann Founder's Award has honored many extraordinary leaders in our field including: Sally & David Brown, William G. Borchert, Mark L. Willenbring, MD, Adele C. Smithers, Sheila B. Blume, MD, Jean Kilbourne, EdD, Jasper Chen See, MD, Geraldine O. Delaney, LeClair Bissell, MD, James E. Royce, SJ, PhD, George A. Mann, MD and others.
The NCADD Silver Key Award was established to honor individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the work of NCADD or in support of NCADD's mission and programs at a national level. Candidates include spokespersons or sponsors of major NCADD campaigns; long-time members of the NCADD Board whose contributions are deemed to be extraordinary; physicians, researchers or others whose work has significantly enhanced NCADD efforts.

Harold G. Hathaway, III led NCADD as Chair of the NCADD Board of Directors for the past four years. Hal is from Towson, Maryland and is a Principal at Thornhill Properties, involved in commercial real estate development and brokerage. He is also a Past Board Chair of the Maryland Chapter of NCADD.

Some of the prior recipients of The NCADD Silver Key Award include Robert L. DuPont, MD, James L. Abernathy, Leah Brock, David Lewis, MD, Adele C. Smithers, John Howard Wilson, Robert M. Morse, MD, Nicholas A. Pace, MD, Max A. Schneider, MD, Ann Streissguth, PhD, Eugene D. McWilliams, Barbara Starr, Robert D. Sparks, MD, Mona Mansell, Association of Junior Leagues, Wheelock Whitney, Martha B. Baker, Hon. Leonard K. Firestone, John R. Doyle, Dana Andrews, R. Keith Simpson, DO, DPH, Gordon Steinhauer, Yvelin Gardner, Ruth Fox, MD, Luther A. Cloud, MD and Thomas Carpenter.

About the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD):
The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc. (NCADD) and its Affiliate Network is a voluntary health organization dedicated to fighting the Nation’s #1 health problem – alcoholism, drug addiction and the devastating consequences of alcohol and other drugs on individuals, families and communities.

Last year alone, 730,900 people contacted NCADD and our National Network of Affiliates seeking help for themselves, a friend or family member. Since NCADD began in 1944, millions of individuals and family members have begun their recovery through NCADD.

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