

# You're Invited



## UNMASKING STIGMA

*A Hope and Healing Benefit*

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH, 2023 - 5:30 PM - 9:00 PM  
TOWNSITE TOWERS - 534 S. KANSAS AVENUE

### Keynote Speaker



Author and speaker Kevin R. Briggs will speak about his time as a California Highway Patrol officer at the Golden Gate Bridge and his personal struggles with mental illness. Kevin was able to rescue over 200 individuals during their most vulnerable moments – as they contemplated leaping from the bridge, earning him the nickname “Guardian of the Golden Gate Bridge.”

**Kevin R. Briggs**

- Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Speaker
- Author, Guardian of the Golden Gate: Protecting the Line Between Hope and Despair
- Founder, Pivotal Points

### Special Guests



**Melissa Brunner**  
Event Emcee  
WIBW News Director



**Curtis Sneden**  
Illusionist

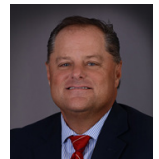
### Award Recipients



**Andrew Brown**  
HOPE AND  
HUMANITARIAN AWARD



**Wes Cole**  
MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS  
WARRIOR AWARDS



**Brian Cole**

### Tickets

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