

The Hope and Healing Center & Institute is gearing up to celebrate our single largest event of the year, *A Chrysalis Occasion* – 6th Annual Award Luncheon. The luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 11:00 a.m. at the Royal Sonesta Hotel in Houston. This is an opportunity for HHCI to reflect on its accomplishments and challenges as a comprehensive mental health resource dedicated to transforming lives and restoring hope through education, training, research and supportive services.

In addition to a time of reflection, *A Chrysalis Occasion* is also the time of year when HHCI recognizes an individual who exemplifies an abiding Judeo-Christian spirit, who demonstrates compassion for others and courage in meeting adversity. The 2017 recipient is Howard E. Butt, Jr, posthumously. Mr. Butt was one of America's earliest and most consistent advocates of servant leadership at home, at work and at large. For more than 50 years he has built bridges and reconciled diverse groups in the secular and religious worlds. Deborah and David Rogers, President of the H.E.B. Family Foundation, will be accepting the award on Mr. Butt's behalf.

New York Times bestselling author and mental health advocate, Pete Earley, is our keynote speaker. Mr. Earley has authored 17 books, including his 2007 Pulitzer Prize finalist, *Crazy: A father's Search Through America's Mental Health Madness*, which tells two stories, his son's battle with bipolar disorder and how the criminal justice system incarcerates the mentally ill instead of providing treatment for them.

HHCI is honored to have KPRC's Bill Balleza as the Master of Ceremonies. Bill is an Emmy award-winning reporter and anchor. He has covered thousands of stories in a career that spans over four decades.

We hope you can join us for this special event. For information on ticket and table purchases please contact Elizabeth Crockett, Program and Event Coordinator – lcrockett@hopeandhealingcenter.org.