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Shatterproof Welcomes Gary Henson to Board of Directors

Henson, a business leader and advocate, joins board to fight today's addiction epidemic

Henson lost his son to drug overdose last year

KANSAS CITY, MO (July 5, 2016) – Shatterproof, a national nonprofit committed to reducing the devastation caused by addiction and the stigma attached to it, today announced the appointment of Gary Henson to its Board of Directors.

Like Shatterproof President and Founder, Gary Mendell, Mr. Henson is a successful businessman who has dedicated his life to addressing the philanthropic gap related to addiction since losing his son to addiction in 2015.

“Gary’s business and philanthropic experience brings a unique and powerful perspective that has already had a tremendous impact on our work. His leadership and personal commitment to combatting addiction has helped fuel new initiatives and advance existing programs. We are grateful for his contributions thus far and we look forward to all we will accomplish together,” said Gary Mendell, CEO & Founder, Shatterproof.

Prior to joining Shatterproof, Mr. Henson started the Grow With Hope Foundation in honor of his late son in 2015. The non-profit dedicated to four pillars – advocacy, stigma reduction, prevention and scientific research – later merged with Shatterproof to combine resources and accelerate their overlapping missions.

“I am honored to join Shatterproof’s Board of Directors. Working alongside like-minded people like Gary Mendell and my fellow board members, I know we can bridge the gap in addiction resources to protect our families from this devastating disease,” said Gary Henson, newest Shatterproof Board Member.

Addiction to prescription drugs, illicit drugs and alcohol will take the life of approximately 135,000 Americans in 2016, making it the leading cause of accidental death in the U.S – exceeding gun violence and car crashes. As board member, Mr. Henson will provide strategic oversight and guidance to drive greater advocacy, funding and legislation needed to curb this epidemic.

In addition to his new role as a board member of Shatterproof, , Mr. Henson is the current president and chief investment officer of Mariner Holdings, a national financial services company.

For more information visit <http://www.shatterproof.org/>.

About Shatterproof

Shatterproof is a national non-profit dedicated to reducing the devastation that addiction to prescription drugs, illicit drugs, and alcohol cause to families, and ending the stigma of those affected by this disease. Shatterproof provides information and resources for those living with addiction and their families, enabling powerful new evidence-based approaches to prevention, treatment and recovery, and takes the issue to the steps of Capitol Hill.

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