

Let's Fiesta

At Boca Chamber Festival Days

Hanley Foundation and Boca Raton's **Dance Flow** will salsa their way to raising funds and awareness for Hanley Foundation during the Boca Raton Chamber of Commerce's *Boca Festival Days*. The special events, which take place during the month of August, partner nonprofit and for profit Chamber members to benefit the non-profit's philanthropic efforts. *Let's Fiesta* will take place at Dance Flow on Thursday, August 5th from 5:30pm to 7:30pm and 100 percent of ticket sales will benefit Hanley Foundation's mission to prevent substance use disorders, provide treatment for those in need and advocate for supportive policies and programs.

Let's Fiesta will also serve as Hanley Foundation's kickoff event for the upcoming Hanley Foundation *Brice Makris Memorial Picnic*, taking place on November 14th, at Boca West Country Club from 11am to 2pm. Hanley Foundation Board Member and Boca resident **John Makris** and his wife **Michelle** will chair the inaugural event that honors their son, **Brice Makris**, who passed away in March 2020 to a Fentanyl overdose.

"There are thousands of individuals suffering from substance use disorders right here in our community," said **Jan Cairnes**, CEO for Hanley Foundation. "With the help of the Boca Chamber, Dance Flow and the Makris family, we are increasing awareness of substance use disorders in South Palm Beach County. "With the proceeds of *Let's Fiesta* and the Hanley Foundation *Brice Makris Memorial Picnic*, we will be able to increase our prevention programming to stop substance use disorder before it begins, advocacy programs to bring awareness, and scholarship programs to provide resources for those who cannot afford the financial burden of recovery."

Let's Fiesta will include performances by Dance Flow's award-winning professional dancers, instructors and



Dance Flow owners Ekaterina Skarlato and Aleksandr Skarlato with Amy Gottlieb, Hanley Foundation's Director of Development for South Palm Beach County

students; raffles; a Master Class of salsa, bachata and rumba; and special surprises. Chamber member **Tijuana Flats** will sponsor the DIY taco bar, allowing guests to build their own tacos from an array of protein options and toppings, including chips, salsa and guacamole.

"These have been difficult times and dance has been a wonderful, healthy outlet for many people," said **Aleksandr Skarlato**, owner of Dance Flow. "At Dance Flow we are passionate about partnering with Hanley Foundation and supporting their mission to provide substance abuse prevention and education programs for children and parents in our community, and to provide scholarships for those needing substance abuse treatment. When I was growing up in Ukraine, many people struggled with alcohol abuse. Together with Hanley Foundation, we want to help people in our community."

Admission for *Let's Fiesta* is \$25 per person in advance (includes food and drinks) or \$30 at the door. Tickets can be purchased at hanleyfoundation.org/festival-days.

For more information on Hanley Foundation visit hanleyfoundation.org or call 561.268.2355.

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