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**Group Partners with HeartLine to Raise Awareness About Suicide Prevention
“An Evening With Kayne”**

A desperate and depressed young man tries to take his own life – and doesn't succeed. He does succeed in creating a potentially life-threatening situation followed by numerous surgeries. Miraculously, he lives. A group of friends dedicated to making sure that his life has a purpose is planning “An Evening With Kayne” to raise funds for his ongoing surgeries and to promote awareness of suicide prevention.

They contacted HeartLine, Central Oklahoma's Community Connection, because of HeartLine's suicide prevention programs. HeartLine promotes suicide awareness and prevention through two key programs and operates two 24-hour national suicide prevention lifelines. Oklahoma ranks 14th in the nation in deaths by suicide, and suicide is the second leading cause of death in Oklahoma for youth ages 10-24. “An average of 1 person every 16 minutes takes their own life in this country, which makes suicide a major public health problem. The good news is that it is preventable. Through education and public awareness everyone can play a role in the prevention of suicide.” states Sherry Crosthwait, Director of Suicide Prevention Outreach Programs for HeartLine.

“An Evening With Kayne” will be held Sunday, February 4, 2007, 3:00 p.m. at the Coca-Cola Bricktown Event Center. Sponsored by metro area businesses, “An Evening With Kayne” will be held to raise awareness for suicide prevention and to benefit the Daniel J. Zahl Irrevocable Trust Fund. This exciting event starring Norman resident Kayne Gillaspie of Bravo's Project Runway Season 3, will feature a casual to couture fashion show and the Oklahoma Premier of Johnathan Kayne Designs. The event will also include a silent auction with a portion of the proceeds to be donated to the suicide and prevention and awareness efforts of HeartLine. Tickets for the event are \$40 per person and corporate tables/sponsorships are still available. For more information, contact Nikki Calder at 819-3479.

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