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TREATMENT & RECOVERY

22nd Annual

Freedom Awards

- Honoring -

Representative Tawna Sanchez

Samuel C. Wheeler Freedom Award

Senator Kate Lieber

Representative Rob Nosse

Spirit of Recovery Advocacy Award

Freedom Awards

Welcome from Fora Health's Chief Executive Officer Maree Wacker

We are thrilled for this opportunity to come together and celebrate in person again and this year marks our first Freedom Awards as Fora Health. Glad you are able to join us!

The Freedom Awards are a long standing tradition of celebrating recovery and honoring individuals who have made a profound difference in our community and who are leading exemplary lives in recovery. This year, we have three incredible awardees who are so deserving of recognition.

Since the Freedom Award's inception in 2000, when we honored the award's namesake, Samuel C. Wheeler, each recipient has made a difference in stamping out the stigma of addiction. For the award's 22nd year, we are proud to honor Representative Tawna Sanchez who has been in recovery for over 40 years and has been a behavioral health champion in the legislature and helped to lead Oregon's recent historic investment to support those who struggle with addiction and mental health conditions.



Maree Wacker
Chief Executive Officer

When we look at what it takes to recover from the disease of addiction, Fora Health understands that no one can do it alone. Recovery needs supportive family and friends, compassionate healthcare providers, thoughtful public policy, and fair judicial systems.

This year, we are excited to highlight the importance of strong advocates in legislation, who are making significant investments in behavioral health. We will present the Spirit of Recovery Advocacy Award to Senator Kate Lieber and Representative Rob Nosse who provided the leadership and vision for a \$400M+ Oregon investment in behavioral healthcare.

We are fortunate to have the support of so many sponsors, guests, and elected officials today, including our keynote speaker, Tina Kotek.

Tina Kotek has been a strong advocate for those who battle addiction and mental health disorders. Tina found her calling as an advocate for others. She has listened and fought for ways to reduce food insecurity and increase minimum wage, housing assistance and access to health insurance. And, she is running to be Oregon's next Governor! We are happy to have her join us today with a few remarks for all of you.

Thanks for helping us change the tide to better care for those who struggle. Recovery needs you.

Maree Wacker
Chief Executive Officer



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Advocacy

Kate Lieber Oregon State Senator

Senator Kate Lieber represents Senate District 14, which includes Beaverton, Aloha, and portions of Washington and Multnomah County. Kate is a mother of two, a breast cancer survivor, a community college instructor, and an attorney. She is deeply invested in improving our communities and



understands, as a State Senator, that having power means using it wisely and justly. Serving on the Senate Committees on Human Services, Labor and Business, and as the chair of Energy and Environment gives Senator Lieber the ability to advocate for policies that benefit workers and vulnerable Oregonians, and her role on the Joint Ways and Means Committee, and as co-chair of the subcommittee on Human Services Budget has enabled her to ensure that Oregon's budget matches its values. In her first year in the Senate, she secured the largest investment in behavioral health in decades, directing funds to make long term improvements in residential capacity, development and diversification of the behavioral health workforce, and increased alignment of funding and services throughout the system.

Spirit of Recovery Advocacy Award honors those who help foster healthy communities by demonstrating outspoken support for addiction treatment access and quality.

Rob Nosse

Oregon State
Representative

Rob Nosse is currently the state representative for HD 42 which consists of inner SE and a little sliver of NE Portland. He has been the state representative for this area of Portland since 2014.

He currently serves on the Ways and Means Committee

where he is the sub-committee co-chair for human services and he also serves as Vice Chair of the House Behavioral Health Care Committee. During the 2021 legislative session while serving in these two roles, Representative Nosse was able to steer and lead support for legislation that provided over \$350 million in resources for behavioral health.

His effort represents one of the largest investments to compassionately care for Oregonians who struggle with substance use and mental health disorders.





Tawna Sanchez

Oregon State Representative

The Samuel C. Wheeler Freedom Award is an honor given to those who battle the stigma of addiction by sharing their story of recovery and giving back to the community in meaningful ways.

Representative Tawna Sanchez has spent her life working to strengthen our community. Tawna is Shoshone-Bannock, Ute and Carrizo and grew up in Portland. For many years, Rep. Sanchez has been a leader fighting for the rights of women, indigenous people, and the most vulnerable. As the Director of Family Services at the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA), she helped create the Early College Academy, expanded early childhood services, affordable housing development, elder support, and assisted in building a nationally recognized domestic violence wrap-around service model. Over time, Rep. Sanchez has helped raise 18 foster kids, and has been active in state policy making – serving on the Family Services Review Commission and the Child Welfare Advisory Committee.

As a state representative, she remains committed to standing up for social justice on the side of the oppressed, and pushing to make our systems more equitable.

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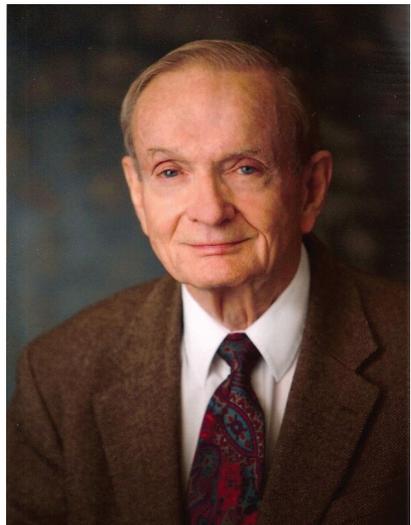
We are grateful to the Trustees of the Wheeler Foundation for their ongoing support of Fora Health. By continuing the legacy of their father's dedication to De Paul Treatment Centers, and now Fora Health, the Trustees provide hope that life can be better free from alcohol and drugs for all who face addiction.

In 2013, the Freedom Award was named in perpetuity as the Samuel C. Wheeler Freedom Award in recognition of Sam's longtime involvement with our organization. Sam Wheeler served as champion, Board Chair, advisor and strategist to the leadership of De Paul for many years.

We are forever grateful for his many gifts to our organization.

“Probably somebody out there is an alcoholic. Surely almost everybody out there has been effected by alcoholism. One of the things I want to say is certainly there is nothing wrong with talking about it.”

- Samuel C. Wheeler's Freedom Award acceptance remarks, September 2000





Having been a part of this community for more than 100 years, we've learned just how important it is to be involved. Whether it's planting a tree, reading to a child or proudly supporting Fora Health, we're working to strengthen our community.

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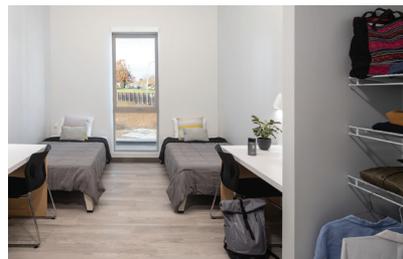
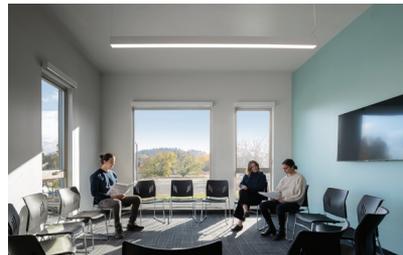


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Fora Health's New Home

Situated in the Gateway District of Southeast Portland, the two-story, 53,000 square foot facility supports 70 adult residential treatment beds, treating patients in gendered programs where they identify, 24 medical withdrawal management (detox) beds, designated space for peer and family counseling services, and capacity to serve 920 individuals in outpatient therapy at a time. The building also includes amenities such as a fitness center, art studio, patient resource center, library, therapeutic gardens and outdoor gathering spaces, as well as medical and counseling offices, group meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen and two dining rooms, and space for administrative offices.

The new facility improves and expands access to treatment for individuals with substance use disorder who have severe co-occurring medical or psychiatric needs and who may struggle to find care. Fora's expert team will deliver treatment services to more than 5,100 individuals and their families each year and will reach an additional 5,300 individuals annually through community education programs.





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James Polo, MD

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Remarks

Maree Wacker

Fora Health Chief Executive Officer

Keynote

Tina Kotek

Former Speaker of the
Oregon House of Representatives &
Gubernatorial Candidate

Awards Presentation

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Special Appeal & Closing

James Polo, MD & Maree Wacker

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