

## **Ben Gordon Center Celebrates 40 years of caring with a Chairman's Luncheon**

The Ben Gordon Center would like to invite you to a **Chairman's Luncheon** celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> years of caring for the mental health needs of our community on Friday October 10<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 pm to 1:30 pm at Kishwaukee College Room 273. The cost of the Luncheon is \$20.00

Chair persons from the past 40 years of the Ben Gordon Center and the Ben Gordon Center Foundation are invited to attend and will be commenting on the changes over the past 40 years in recovery from the centers beginnings as an idea from community businessman Ben Gordon of Gordon Hardware to now serving over 31,000 adults and children since 1968.

The Key Note for this historic community event will be Kat Candler, Writer and Director of the Award winning movie *jumping Off Bridges*. Inspired by invincible friendships, junior high journal entries, heart breaking crushes and the complexities of losing loved ones, Kat Candler brings to the screen ***jumping off bridges***. The story follows an adventurous group of four best friends in the trenches of adolescence. It centers on Zak Nelson and his struggle to come to terms with a family tragedy. The film will bring to light the hope and recovery of a families coping with suicide.

Kat will tell her story behind the movie and her personal experiences that led her to bring the story to the screen. Actor Bryan Chafin who plays Zak Nelson will also be on hand.

For more information or to register for the Luncheon please call 815-756-4876 or go to [www.bengordoncenter.org](http://www.bengordoncenter.org)