



June 3, 2017, 7pm at the Norman Sooner Theatre

JB'17 PROMISES TO BE FAST PACED, HIGH ENERGY

AND FILLED WITH UPBEAT FUN MUSIC FROM THE 1950'S THROUGH THE TODAY

Transition House is taking a new approach to this year's event. We recognize that our organization works in partnership with many others to help people who are recovering from mental illness and seeking well-being. Our focus is on celebrating the People of Transition House and others who courageously work to find hope and well-being despite the challenges faced by those with mental illness. JBJ'17 will consist of acts put on by the talented members of our mental health community, partners and wellness advocates. Emcee for the event is OU's SGA President, JD Baker. Performers in JBJ'17 will be representing organizations from our mental health community, partners and wellness advocates.

June Bug Jam 2017 Partners include:

- ☆ **Central Oklahoma Community Mental Health Center**
- ☆ **Griffin Memorial Hospital**
- ☆ **Thunderbird Clubhouse**
- ☆ **The Sooner Theatre**
- ☆ **Norman Police Department**
- ☆ **The University of Oklahoma**
- ☆ **Cleveland County Health Department**
- ☆ **Bridges**
- ☆ **Parent's Helping Parents**

A special tradition that began in 2008 is the involvement of Steve Boyer in June Bug Jam. During his first appearance in the event, he was still a client in the Transitional Living Program and played his harmonica on the Sooner Theatre stage for the first time. The following year, Steve had graduated from the program, had gained enough self-confidence to begin his public speaking career as a representative of Transition House. According to Steve,

“The reason I began to speak and perform at the June Bug Jam was to tell my story and show my gratitude to Transition House for the life they gave me. With the support and guidance from Transition House, I am not only alive today, but am actively sharing what I've learned with others as a professional Certified Peer Recovery Support Specialist employed at Griffin Memorial Hospital since 2010. And the reason I keep coming back is to not only to share my continuing gratitude, but also to let others know that it's OK to talk and share our stories. It gives me the opportunity to share hope and be living proof that long term recovery does happen.”

June Bug Jam is Transition House's fund raising event, however this year we'd like to share a bit of our earnings. In recognizing the needs of other non-profits as well, we would like to lend support to other organizations as a thank you for their continuing support of the People of Transition House. With that in mind, we are holding a contest. The winning organization will select a charity of their choice and Transition House will donate \$500 from the JBJ earnings to that organization. The contest will consist of ticket sales. One point will be awarded for each ticket sold, and an additional point will be awarded for each person who attends the event. There will also be the option of buying additional tickets at the show so that the competition can continue at the event.

Another new addition to the show is a pre-show dance party. Thanks to Zumba instructor LeQui Raymond for leading the dance party for the young and young at heart.

For more on the event and Transition House, visit www.thouse.org.

This event is not a production of the Sooner Theatre.