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***From Hopeless to Hopeful: Banyan Treatment Center spotlights former patients turned employees in new mini-doc series, showcasing the full-circle of escaping the grips of addiction by seeking help, and ultimately gaining employment to give back to the program that helped save their lives.***

*(10/10/2018, Pompano Beach, FL):* Banyan Treatment Center's philosophy is centered on helping patients to recover from drug and alcohol addiction, enabling them to live their best lives in sobriety. Individual success, fulfillment, and happiness are at the forefront of Banyan's goals when treating those who are struggling. The center believes that each and every person who battles addiction can go on to gain financial stability, personal accountability, and ultimately a rewarding career if they take the first step of seeking help. That's why Banyan believes in giving former patients a chance to reach their full potential while working at the facilities. In fact, many of their current employees were once Banyan patients. They believe in hiring from within, giving employees not just jobs, but also paths to lasting careers with the opportunity of advancement and promotion. The new mini-doc series *From Hopeless to Hopeful* spotlights these former patients, as they share their stories of addiction, recovery, and the importance of giving back to the community that helped save their lives.

*From Hopeless to Hopeful* showcases the stories of three former patients, Alec Sperduto, National Health Information Officer, Sherilyn Toro, Quality Assurance Coordinator, and Bill Loonstyn, Behavioral Health Technician at Banyan Treatment Center. Each of these employees have evolved in their roles within the organization. They have a newfound, sustained life in recovery and are valued members of the team. They share their stories

without fear or shame, in hopes that they may help the next suffering addict. They are proud not only of themselves, but also of the work they do at Banyan on a daily basis making a difference in the lives of others.

David Goloski, director of alumni services at Banyan Treatment Center, maintains contact with former patients well after discharge from the program, noting their progress and accomplishments in sobriety. He plays a key role in helping former patients gain employment at Banyan, supporting them every step of the way.

“Watching our patients succeed, and gain back the things in their lives that they lost as a result of their addictions, is the most rewarding thing about my job,” Goloski said, “Nothing makes me happier than seeing them come back to work for us. It shows that our programs are not only effective, but also that we have a deeply caring, empathetic, and impactful team of individuals that patients want to be a part of, and that means a lot to us.”

Banyan Treatment Center stands as an industry leader in providing addiction and mental health treatment services to adult men and women. With nine locations across the country, and a full continuum of care, Banyan is able to meet the unique needs of each individual who is seeking help. Catch the new mini-doc series *From Hopeless to Hopeful* on the Banyan Treatment Center YouTube page, and keep an eye out on social media to follow the inspirational stories of former patients throughout their journeys in recovery.