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**Michael's House Distributes Naloxone to Unhoused Individuals  
Event: Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.**

**Palm Springs, CA** – August 6, 2024 -- Michael's House, a leading provider of addiction treatment and recovery services, is proud to announce a new initiative to distribute Naloxone to unhoused individuals in our community. This life-saving medication can reverse opioid overdoses and is a critical tool in addressing the ongoing opioid crisis.

Opioid overdoses remain a leading cause of death among unhoused populations, who often face significant barriers to healthcare and addiction treatment. In 2022, over 10,000 deaths in California were attributed to synthetic opioids like fentanyl, highlighting the urgent need for accessible interventions. By providing Naloxone directly to those at risk, Michael's House aims to reduce overdose fatalities and offer a crucial lifeline to some of the most vulnerable members of our society.

By distributing Naloxone, we are giving unhoused individuals the means to save lives—whether their own or those of others in their community. This initiative is about empowerment, education, and compassion.

In addition to distributing Naloxone kits, Michael's House will provide training on how to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and administer the medication effectively. The organization will also offer resources and referrals for addiction treatment and other supportive services.

As part of this initiative, Michael's House emphasizes the importance of recognizing the signs of an opioid overdose, which can include:

- Unresponsiveness or inability to wake up
- Slow or irregular breathing, or no breathing at all
- Slow or erratic pulse, or no pulse
- Limp body
- Vomiting or gurgling noises
- Pale, clammy skin
- Bluish or purplish lips and fingernails
- Pinpoint pupils

By educating the community about these signs, we aim to ensure timely administration of Naloxone, which can be critical in saving lives.

**The Naloxone distribution event will take place on Thursday, August 29<sup>th</sup> during Palm Springs Village Fest at the Palm Springs Visitor Center Welwood Murry Library, Palm Springs, CA, 92262, starting at 7:00 p.m. while supplies last.**

For more information about the naloxone distribution event, contact Andrew Albritton, Michael's House Alumni Coordinator, at 760-408-3621.

**About Michael's House:** Michael's House was founded in 1989 as a mother's response to her son Michael's death from a drug overdose. In the subsequent 35 years, Michael's House has a proven history of providing treatment for over 8,000 individuals with substance use and co-occurring mental health issues.

Our highly experienced, caring and compassionate staff provide innovative treatment solutions for those experiencing addiction and mental health issues, leading to lifelong recovery, health, and happiness they deserve.

For more information about Michael's House call 760-450-9001 or visit our website at [www.MichaelsHouse.com](http://www.MichaelsHouse.com)

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