



Alexis *Joy* D'Achille  
FOUNDATION

PRESENTS  
THE 5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL

*Night of Joy  
Gala*

*April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018*



# WELCOME

## Family, Friends, Supporters:

On behalf of the Alexis Joy D'Achille Foundation for Postpartum Depression, it is my pleasure to welcome you to our 5th Annual Gala! When we started the Foundation in the wake of Alexis' passing in 2013, our goal was to make a difference in the lives of women and their families in their time of greatest need. With your support these last five years, we have done that and more. We have touched the lives of over 1,000 women and ensured their access to the finest mental health care this country has to offer through our partnership with Highmark and Allegheny Health Network. Our proudest accomplishment -- the creation of a dedicated facility named in Alexis' honor at West Penn Hospital to assist and treat women as they face the various mental health challenges associated with fertility, childbirth, and post partum -- is nearly complete. The *Alexis Joy D'Achille Center for Women's Behavioral Health* will fill a crucial void for women's mental health, and that facility would not be a reality without the tremendous support we have received from each of you over the years. Our Foundation is committed to ensuring that the Center is fully staffed and appropriately supported, and we know that with your continued assistance the Center will be best in class. We are eternally appreciative for your support, and I cannot express how thankful I am that so many of you have offered your time and resources in support of Alexis' memory. I wish you each the very best, and hope you enjoy this evening's Gala.

Very Truly Yours,

Steven D'Achille  
President

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Discover the elegance of Europe and the spirit of South America in beautiful Buenos Aires! You will visit the balcony where Evita begged the crowd, "Don't Cry for Me, Argentina" and enjoy sumptuous dining overlooking the private Puerto Moderne where 200 foot yachts are considered small.

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Steven D'Achille knows that his wife would have loved to see their daughter Adriana at age 4. Sadly, Adriana is growing up without her mother, who was lost to postpartum depression, when Adriana was just a few weeks old. Steven decided to honor his wife's memory by starting a foundation in her name to spread awareness of postpartum depression and expand access to treatment. Then he teamed up with Allegheny Health Network to screen and treat women for postpartum depression. The Alexis Joy D'Achille Foundation for Postpartum Depression and its collaboration with AHN are #LivingProof that community support can help new mothers regain their emotional health and be there for their children.

To schedule an appointment, please call Women's Behavioral Health at 412-578-4030 or visit [AHN.org/hope](https://www.ahn.org/hope) to learn more.



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# THE FOUNDATION

Our foundation was formed in honor of our dear friend and cherished family member, Alexis; wife of Steven and mother of Adriana...Shortly after Adriana's birth, Alexis felt out of control - with anxiety beyond the "normal" new mom worries. Though she sought help, she was not able to get the relief she needed from what was now obviously severe postpartum depression. Clearly not seeing any other way out, she took her own life on October 10th, 2013 just 6 weeks after Adriana's birth.

In the weeks after, Steven decided he would make it his mission to do what he could to stop something like this from happening again...To create a legacy for Adriana to carry on in her mother's name.

The way Alexis died was not the way she lived. She had a doting husband, a beautiful daughter, gorgeous home, great family and friends, and a fulfilling career – everything a girl could hope for. That's why her passing was so tragic and unexpected. If she could feel that lost and alone, any woman can.

Our mission is to be a shining light for women and families suffering from and affected by perinatal mood and anxiety disorders spanning, but not limited to, infertility, postpartum depression, and infant and child loss.

By educating the community with our story, we strive to raise awareness and develop programs needed for these women and families



Alexis Joy D'Achille  
FOUNDATION

# A YEAR IN REVIEW

Good Evening and welcome to our 5th Annual “Night of Joy” Gala fundraiser! With your generous support, the past year has been another successful one for the Foundation, as we continued to grow and expand our reach in service of women and their families.

We most recently made a \$150,000 contribution to Allegheny Health Network in support of the soon to be opened Alexis Joy D’Achille Center for Women’s Behavioral Health at West Penn Hospital in Bloomfield. The Center will be a state of the art facility dedicated to treating women’s perinatal mental health and will offer women and their families a safe space for treatment that includes, rather than excludes, their baby. With over 1300 women and their families reaching out to us and our partners at Allegheny Health Network for assistance in the last year, we know that the Center will fill a vital and much-needed role in the community.

In addition, our President Steven D’Achille had the opportunity to speak about his experiences and the Foundation’s efforts to raise awareness and increase treatment options throughout the country. Steven’s speaking engagements in the last year included the Maternal Mental Health Conference at Northwestern University in Chicago, as well as the Postpartum Support International conference in Philadelphia.

Most importantly, however, Steven spoke to members of Congress in Washington, D.C. to urge their support of increased funding for women’s maternal mental health. The efforts of Steven and other leaders in this space resulted in the federal government authorizing \$25 million dollars over five years in funding for maternal mental health program grants for states to establish, maintain, or expand programs for mental health screening and treatment of women who are pregnant or have recently given birth.

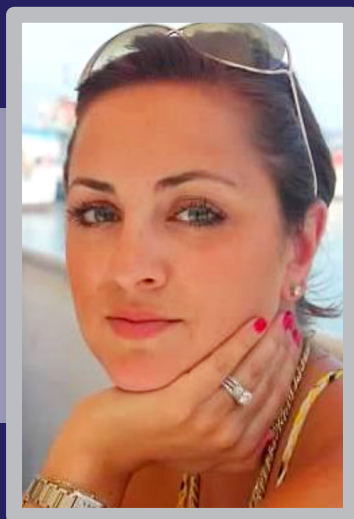
As the past year demonstrated, the Foundation and its partners – with your invaluable support – have again succeeded in meeting our goals of raising awareness and treatment options for women throughout the region and country. We will continue to #ShareOurJoy through the rest of 2018 and into 2019, and once again, thank you for being here this evening!

– The Alexis Joy D’Achille Foundation

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*Alexis Joy D'Achille*

April 17th, 1983-  
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