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NATIONAL AIDS AWARENESS MONTH

FREDERICK, MD -- In recognition of National AIDS Awareness Month, Vaughn Ripley will be speaking at CORE, Community Organized Recovery Efforts, on October 24, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. Being one of the longest living survivors with HIV, Vaughn will share his remarkable story of perseverance despite living with HIV, hemophilia and Hepatitis C. Vaughn's story includes life as a published author, certified personal trainer, triathlete, marathon runner, accomplished rock climber, mountaineer, successful business man, and entrepreneur.

According to the 2015 HIV Surveillance Report, published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 32,002 individuals in Maryland were living with diagnosed HIV infection as of December 31, 2014. According to the Maryland Department of Health's Western Region Annual HIV Epidemiological Profile, 2015, it is reported that there are 320 diagnosed cases of HIV infection in Frederick County.

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CORE offers recovery support services to individuals who are in recovery from alcohol and drug addiction. Services include recovery centers, recovery coaching, free health screenings and free telephonic recovery support services. These supports are primarily provided by individuals with “lived” personal experiences of addiction and recovery. CORE offers group discussions and recovery-focused activities every weekday, except holidays, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Group discussions include recovery discussions, anger management, coping with stress, wellness groups, art, guest speakers and much more.

This event is open to the public and will be held at the All Saints Episcopal Church located at 106 West Church Street in Frederick in the lower level meeting room. Parking is available at the West Patrick Street Parking Deck.

For more information about this event or to pre-register, call Nancy Waalkes at 240-315-5017 or e-mail MWaalkes@frederickcountymd.gov. Pre-registration is not required but is encouraged. For more information about CORE, visit www.facebook.com/COREFrederick.

You don't want to miss this dynamic speaker!

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