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Former NBA Star Chris Herren Brings His Story of Addiction and Recovery to Bel Air on May 18

BEL AIR, Md., (March 28, 2016) - As a high school basketball star turned point guard for the Boston Celtics, Chris Herren's dreams of playing in the NBA had seemingly come true. In reality, Chris was trapped in a nightmare of addiction to alcohol, cocaine, OxyContin and heroin. Chris Herren's descent into addiction, the loss of his career and his miraculous recovery is the subject of his book, "Basketball Junkie", and the ESPN Films documentary "Unguarded". Chris, who has been drug and alcohol-free since August 1, 2008, will share his inspiring story in person at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 18, at The John Carrol School, 703 Churchville Road in Bel Air. This free presentation entitled "Rebound" is open to the public and hosted by the Harford County Community Services Office of Drug Control Policy in partnership with the Nikki Perlow Foundation.

"Chris Herren is living proof that addiction can strike anyone, but there is hope, and healing is possible," said County Executive Barry Glassman. "I encourage all citizens to attend this free presentation so that we can learn from Chris' victory in the battle against substance abuse."

Space is limited and registration is strongly encouraged to ensure available seating. To register, email odcp@harfordcountymd.gov or call 410-638-3389.

The Nikki Perlow Foundation offers aid to young adults and their families struggling with drug addiction and recovery by providing financial, logistical and emotional support throughout their journey.

The Harford County Community Services Office of Drug Control Policy is the leading substance abuse prevention agency in Harford County. If you or someone you know needs help with addiction, please call 410-638-3333.



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