At breakfast this morning, everyone stopped eating and sat silently in the big room as Frank Isaza, Program Director of 2-1-1 Broward, described his harrowing, and ultimately successful, late-night fight over the phone to save a desperate caller from killing himself. It’s not often that we hear about the good work of people like Frank Isaza, or life-saving programs like 2-1-1 Broward - over breakfast, or otherwise. We should.

After he had finished speaking, after he had left the brief center of attention up on stage at the Signature Grand, we all asked how we could help. All they ask is help getting the word out about this important “gem in this community,” as Jarrett Levan, president of BBX Capital, described 2-1-1 Broward as he accepted the inaugural Milestone Award for his support of the organization.

For the record, “the mission of 2-1-1 Broward is to provide 24 hour comprehensive helpline and support services for individuals in our community seeking crisis intervention assistance and/or information and referrals to health and human services in Broward County.” Your “first call for help is to dial 2-1-1 or (954) 937-0211, TTY (954) 390-0492. Other, non-emergency numbers are 954-390-0493, email 211-broward@211-broward.org, website, 211-broward.org.

City & Shore is proud to support the good work of 2-1-1 Broward, and to help hold this gem up in the light.

- Mark Gauert, Editor & Publisher