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Gateway Counselor to recreate Billie Holiday's Last Days in Limelight Theatre Production of *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*

By day, Fahmeeda Veal is a Counselor for Gateway Community Service's First Step Camp. By night, she will recreate Billie Holiday's last days in the musical play, *Lady Day at Emerson's Bar and Grill*, presented by the Limelight Theatre in St. Augustine, running February 5-28, 2010.

Whether she is providing counseling services to those seeking recovery from drug and alcohol addiction or entertaining audiences with her powerful performance as Billie Holiday, Fahmeeda's goal is to motivate, educate and inspire people. Throughout her career she has served as an innovative leader and trainer. As a Certified Mental Health Professional and Behavior Health Technician, she has worked with organizations such as Hazelden, Betty Ford Foundations, Jacksonville Urban League and many others. Traveling across the country she has helped people struggling with addiction and other mental health disorders become contributing members of their communities.

At Gateway Community Services, Fahmeeda counsels clients in the early stages of recovery. First Step Camp is offered to clients before they enter into one of Gateway's intensive treatment programs. The week-long program helps build a solid foundation for long-term recovery and allows staff to assess each client's level of commitment to recovery and develop individualized services based on that assessment. The program provides an orientation to the 12-step philosophy of recovery and a linkage to the 12-step community and sponsors.

Tickets for the musical are \$20 and can be purchased by visiting limelight-theatre.org. For more information on Gateway's First Step Camp and other recovery programs visit www.gatewaycommunity.com.

About Gateway Community Services

Gateway Community Services is a private non-profit drug and alcohol rehabilitation agency committed to building a better community by taking action against addiction. Gateway Community Services is among Northeast Florida's largest providers of rehabilitation and recovery services to those suffering from the disease of addiction. Gateway delivers a comprehensive, cutting edge continuum of care to all of its clients. Our wide range of services includes, detoxification, rehabilitation counseling, e-therapy, and

residential and outpatient treatment programs for adults, adolescents, women with children, transitional recovery housing and more. Gateway is providing help to those seeking recovery and hope to those impacted by the disease of addiction.