



# **SHERRI BEVAN WALSH**

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## **Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh Honored by the Matt Patrick Memorial Foundation**

*Prosecutor Walsh receives the 2021 #SandboxStrong Award*

AKRON, Ohio (Monday, December 27, 2021) – Summit County Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh was honored by the Matt Patrick Memorial Foundation as the recipient of the 2021 #SandboxStrong Award. Prosecutor Walsh is the third recipient of this award.

The Matt Patrick Foundation was established in 2018 by his best friend and widow, Paula, as a tribute to the memory of Michael “Matt Patrick” Ryan. Matt Patrick was a talented and successful radio personality in Akron for almost 30 years. He was known for his innovative #1 morning radio show on WKDD as well as his devotion to the Akron Children’s Hospital ‘Have A Heart, Do Your Part Radiothon’.

Paula Ryan and her son Jake Ryan presented Prosecutor Walsh with the award. “We wanted to honor Prosecutor Walsh with this award because of her service to the Summit County community, her tenacity, service to others and perseverance through her own bout of cancer,” said Paula Ryan. “Prosecutor Walsh is an inspiration and a perfect example of how I want to keep my husband’s dream alive.”

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“I am truly blessed to receive this award. As a breast cancer survivor, I know the pain, struggle, and determination it takes to overcome this devastating diagnosis. The #SandboxStrong Award represents the tenacity and faith one needs when facing cancer. Thank you to Paula, her son Jake, and the Matt Patrick Foundation for this tremendous honor,” said Prosecutor Walsh. “I really enjoyed working with Matt and keep a framed picture of us from a charity event in my office as a reminder of the good times and passion Matt had in helping others. He is truly missed.”

The #SandboxStrong Award is presented annually to an individual or family experiencing challenges associated with cancer, while bravely exemplifying the tenets in life that Matt Patrick possessed. These qualities are faith, family, humility, speaking without fear, tenacity, hard work, living passionately, and service to others.