

**NEWS RELEASE**  
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**Ribbon Cutting at Tree of Life Counseling and Training Center at 3:00pm on Friday, May 24, at 32730 Walker Rd. (Building I, Suite 5)**

**Avon Lake, Ohio:** On Friday, May 24, at 3:00pm, Tree of Life Counseling and Training Center, the new business in the Landings office buildings, will have its ribbon cutting.

Marva Jones graduated with a Masters Degree in Clinical Pastoral Counseling from Ashland Theological Seminary in 2004 and founded Tree of Life. Being a therapist and having a private practice of her own had been a dream for Marva since she was 8 years old.

Jones has lived in Avon Lake for eight years. She participated in a forum spearheaded by former Mayor Greg Zilka to address the opioid epidemic. "The community came together in an effort to work toward a solution," says Jones. "I was amazed by the amount of people that attended, there was standing room only. That meeting alone spoke to me about this city, a great place to live and have a business."

Tree of Life provides Bio-Psycho-Social Diagnostic Assessments to diagnose Mental Health and/or Substance Use Disorders and determine the level of care to meet the clients' needs. "We provide individual therapy which is client-centered and holistic," says Jones, "to assist clients with developing healthy coping mechanisms to manage depression, anxiety, and unresolved trauma. We also offer couples, marriage, and family therapy to decrease conflict by assisting couples and families with developing effective communication skills and parenting skills.

The first location for Tree of Life was in Westlake. "The location of The Landings is our second location and perfect for the work that we do. Our suite was occupied by a psychologist that had been in our location for 40 years and I truly feel honored to occupy that space now."

"We are delighted that Tree of Life is making its second home in Avon Lake," says Ted Esborn, Avon Lake's Community Development Director. "Marva has an excellent team of therapists and it will be great to have access to their services near the center of Avon Lake, continuing a great tradition of professionals to locate in the Landings office buildings

