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BHR Celebrates 25 Years of Providing Mental Health Support to Missourians

St. Louis, Mo, November 4, 2019 – On October 20, Behavioral Health Response (BHR) marked its 25th anniversary of providing mental health support services to individuals in the eastern region of Missouri. BHR staff, its board of directors, elected officials, supporters and friends gathered 6 p.m., Friday, October 25 at the Living World’s Saint Louis Zoo to celebrate the milestone event.

BHR President and CEO Pat Coleman recognized federal, state and local elected officials for their advocacy to ensure barrier-free mental health care access is available to all who need it. She also thanked them for proclaiming October 20, 2019 as BHR Day and thanked U.S. Senator Blunt for flying the American flag over the Capitol on October 20.

Elected officials include United States Senator Roy Blunt, Missouri Governor Mike Parson, Congressman Lacy Clay, Congresswoman Ann Wagner, Mayor of the City of St. Louis Lyda Krewson, Mayor of the City of St. Charles Dan Borgmeyer, St. Louis County Executive Sam Page and St. Charles County Executive Steve Ehlmann.

“We are proud of our 25-year accomplishment and recognize much work lies ahead,” said BHR Chair Barbi Karl. “Mental health touches everyone. We will continue to build partnerships, leverage technology and incorporate new knowledge into our everyday practice, so we can effectively continue to be at the forefront of the behavioral health care landscape.”

BHR also thanked its civic and corporate supporters: Ameren Missouri; Centene; Midwest BankCentre; US Bank; Polsinelli; St. Louis Regional Health Commission; Renaissance Financial and Wall Street Group. Their support will help BHR to grow its partnerships with law enforcement, schools, and other mental health advocates.

About Behavioral Health Response (BHR)
Established in 1994, BHR is a nonprofit organization providing 24-hour telephone crisis intervention support as well as mobile outreach, telehealth, community referrals and training to people in mental health crises and the community at large in St. Louis and the counties of St. Louis, St. Charles, Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln, Warren, Iron, St. François and Washington.

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