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2nd Annual Community Hero Awards Honor Leaders in Behavioral Healthcare

Tallahassee, FL – Apalachee Center announced today the recipients of the 2nd Annual Community Hero awards, honoring Floridians who are effective public champions for behavioral healthcare. State Senator Denise Grimsley; Matt Hudson, Speaker pro tempore of the Florida House of Representatives; and Jane Johnson, Chief of Staff of the Department of Children and Families are this year’s recipients.

“Apalachee Center is honored to have the opportunity to recognize this year’s prestigious award winners, each of whom have, through their statewide leadership, improved the lives of hundreds of thousands of Floridians dealing with mental health issues,” said Dr. Jay Reeve, Apalachee Center’s Chief Executive Officer.

For more than 60 years, Apalachee Center has served individuals and families across the eight counties of the Big Bend region - Franklin, Gadsden, Jefferson, Leon, Liberty, Madison, Taylor, and Wakulla - dealing with emotional, psychiatric, and substance abuse crises. The Community Hero Awards honor individuals who have engaged in notable efforts to improve behavioral healthcare.

“Families and individuals in recovery from mental health problems are fortunate to have such committed and distinguished advocates,” said Leon County Commissioner and Chair of Apalachee Center’s Board of Directors John Dailey. “Senator Grimsley, Representative Hudson and Jane Johnson have all been at the forefront of efforts to ensure that individuals receive the behavioral healthcare that they need.”

The honorees received their awards at the 2nd Annual Community Hero Awards reception Tuesday, February 10th at Apalachee Center’s Leon County campus located at 2634 Capital Circle NE. For more information, please visit www.apalacheecenter.org.

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