



## *Magellan Health Services of Arizona, Inc.*

Dear friends,

**Thank you for making Magellan's first year as Maricopa County's Regional Behavioral Health Authority (RBHA) so successful!** As our one year anniversary approaches, we would like to take a moment to express appreciation to our supporters and partners. We could not have done it without your service and dedication.

Over the past 12 months, Magellan of Arizona has overcome many challenges and experienced many firsts. We value your relationship, commitment, and patience working and learning with us to develop solutions and create change. Here are just a few outstanding accomplishments from our first year:

- Our clinic staff provided excellent care and support to service recipients and family members throughout the year. Clinic staff was instrumental in the success of the transition process.
- We established a 12-member Maricopa Governance Board, consisting of six Maricopa County community representatives and six Magellan representatives to give community stakeholders a true voice and shared decision-making authority in shaping the vision, strategy and oversight of the Maricopa County RBHA program.
- Our employees and their families raised more than \$10,000 for the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) at its annual NAMI WALKS.
- We gave away 130 computers to service recipients, family members and peer and family run agencies. This fall, we will give away another 300 computers to those affected by behavioral/mental health and/or substance abuse.
- To give a voice to local youth on behavioral/mental health, substance abuse, and/or foster care issues, we established Magellan Youth Leaders Inspiring Future Empowerment (MY LIFE) in 2008.
- We sponsored MY Fest '08, a youth involvement festival developed by MY LIFE that educated more than 1,200 youth, family and community members about behavioral/mental health, substance abuse, and foster care issues, resources and support groups.
- We created *The M*, a quarterly newsletter reaching thousands of community members, providing valuable information and resources about programs, services and issues affecting the behavioral health community.

- We delivered 37 community presentations since October 2007, building relationships and channels to distribute and gather vital community information.
- Our community exchange department cultivated more than 300 partnerships facilitating the donation of more than \$125,000 in systems resources.
- Our staff, coming from a diverse set of backgrounds, unified as one team.

We look forward to Magellan's second year as Maricopa County's RBHA as it creates new opportunities to expand and transform our system of care. It is important we continue to be proactive in supporting and facilitating the recovery and resiliency efforts for our service recipients. This can only be accomplished by utilizing each of our competent and resourceful supporters - YOU!

Thank you for your dedication to Magellan. Again, we could not have accomplished so much without your support.

Sincerely,

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