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**Amanda Luckett Murphy Hopewell Center
Recognizes Mental Health Awareness Month with
Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House for
Adult Behavioral Health Program New Facility**

To recognize Mental Health Awareness month, Amanda Luckett Murphy Hopewell Center, a member of the People's Family of Corporations will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for its **Adult Behavioral Health Program new facility** on **Thursday, May 4 from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** The new facility is located on People's Health Centers campus located at **5669 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri, 63112.** Members of the media are invited to the grand opening and ribbon cutting celebration. *A guided facility tour will be provided along with live music and light refreshments.* The hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. with 34 employees for the business location.

Serving as the primary adult behavioral health service in St. Louis city, Hopewell will deliver on the city's desire to create a safe place for adults experiencing behavioral health challenges to come to receive the help and services they need either by appointment or walk-ins. Services offered include health and mental health intake and assessments, tele-health, therapy and 24-hour crisis counseling, suicide prevention and psychiatric nurses for healthcare home along with medication administration and much more. "We take our clients' hand and walk with them providing direction and guidance as they drive their own decisions," said LaShonda Thomas, Community Support Specialist Supervisor and Crisis Counseling Program Manager.

The new location consists of a 11,000-square-foot located in the heart of the Delmar Divine, steps away from STL Artworks, dining, and shopping businesses, down the street from the DeBalivere Metrolink and minutes away from St. Louis History Museum in Forest Park. The space includes 28 offices varying in sizes with average space as 12x12 square feet including a few therapy offices, seven nurse stations, a kitchen, restrooms, security guard station, a large welcoming lobby with 3 intake windows, and a touch point space for its community support specialists who serve as case managers to current clients. The community support specialists provide medically necessary services to clients that support their treatment goals – such as being medically compliant, access to medical resources such as psychiatric services as well as community resources from housing and utility assistance to transportation and social services, and any other needs as determined by their treatment plan.

Dwayne Butler, CEO of People's Family of Corporations, stated, "Mental health needs to be addressed in our community. The goal of our Delmar campus is to integrate primary health care and mental health, serving as one necessary resource to holistically heal our community. We offer

full health and wellness services to anyone in need at our Hopewell Center Adult Behavioral Health Program facility which is nestled between our Betty Jean Kerr's People's Health Center and Children's Behavioral Health and Dental Care for Kids program facility. Our programming is aimed at removing the stigma around mental health so that anyone experiencing trauma, stress, and other factors that lean into being socially and emotionally well, are not afraid to seek or ask for help.”

For more information about Hopewell Center, visit: www.hopewellcenter.com or view the event flyer, attached.

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About Amanda Luckett Murphy Hopewell Center

Amanda Luckett Murphy Hopewell Center began its services to the St. Louis community, as a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 in 1979. Amanda Luckett Murphy provides a comprehensive range of mental health and substance abuse disorder services to people with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbances, long term chronic addiction, mild or moderate mental illness, and substance use disorders, and complex health conditions. Our professional mental health staff serves a growing caseload of over 4,000 children transitional aged youth, adults and their families through our outpatient, community based psychiatric rehabilitation and residential services and mental health programs and services.

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for clients, families and the community served by providing equitable, culturally competent, trauma-informed, and compassionate, holistic behavioral health services emphasizing hope, honor, dignity, and respect.

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