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**Ben Gordon Center achieves gold seal of quality**

**SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETES SURVEY AND IS AWARDED ACCREDITATION FROM JOINT COMMISSION**

(DeKalb County) The Ben Gordon Center is proud to announce the successful re-accreditation from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations. Included in the accreditation process were the Center's offices on Health Services Drive, its Community Support Campus in DeKalb which houses Reality House and Employment and Placement services, its office in Sandwich and the Discovery House program. Joint commission accreditation is awarded when compliance with national standards for patient safety and quality of care have been demonstrated.

Founded in 1951, the Joint Commission is dedicated to continuously improving the safety and quality of the nation's healthcare through voluntary

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**Provides mental Health and Substance Abuse Services to Adults Children and Families**

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accreditation.

“In becoming re-accredited, the Ben Gordon Center was evaluated against a set of national standards by a Joint Commission Surveyor experienced in the delivery of behavioral health care services,” says Mary Ceasare-Murphy, Ph.D., Executive Director of the Joint Commission’s Behavioral Health Care Program. “Achieving accreditation demonstrates the Ben Gordon Center’s commitment to provide high quality care and demonstrates the commitment to excellence by the organization’s leadership and staff. Behavioral health accreditation by the Joint Commission requires organization-wide dedication to providing safe, client-focused care, treatment and services,” she added.

“This accreditation illustrates that we make a significant investment in quality care on a day to day basis at all levels of the organization. All of our clinical programs received 100% scores on the quality of care provided. We seek accreditation for our organization because we want to be the best, and we view obtaining Joint Commission Accreditation as another step toward excellence,” said Michael Flora, President and CEO of the Ben Gordon Center. Flora notes, “Accreditation is attainable through the cooperation and communication of our staff of caring professionals.”

Flora credited the excellent staff and the Board of Directors for the successful accreditation. “Everyone at the Ben Gordon Center played a vital role in working to achieve the Joint Commission standards. Accreditation gives the community and those we serve the assurance that we meet and exceed National Standards for care. It also provides the staff a feeling of pride in the organization. With quality as our goal at the Ben Gordon Center, we are continually striving to improve upon the care provided to those we serve. The accreditation from the Joint Commission is a great reward for the hard work of our caring and dedicated staff. The staff of the Center also appreciated the educational aspect of the survey and the opportunity to interact with the Joint Commission’s surveyor,” said Flora.

“The Board of Directors is proud of the advances in care that the Center has achieved over the last several years. The staff is truly expert in behavioral health which is apparent every day in the commitment to quality and caring they provide to our community,” said Dr. Tom Choice, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Ben Gordon Center.

Behavioral healthcare is essential to healthy communities. Each year more and more Americans are in need of mental health and substance abuse services. For over 40 years, the Ben Gordon Center has been offering a full continuum of quality behavioral healthcare to adults and families in DeKalb County. The agency’s purpose and programs have grown to meet the needs of the community’s adults, children, teens and families through various outpatient programs and services which include: Individual Counseling, Employment and Vocational Services, Family Counseling, Psycho-Social Rehabilitation, Couple and

Marital Counseling, Intensive Outpatient programs, Group Counseling, Employee Assistance Programs, Diagnostic and Assessment, Prevention and Education Programs, Psychological Testing and Evaluation, Psychiatric Evaluation and Treatment and 24 hour Emergency Services.

Ben Gordon Center, Inc. accepts all insurance plans, Medicaid and Medicare. Services are available on a sliding fee for those who qualify. The agency is fully accredited by the Joint Commission, the Illinois Division of Mental Health and the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services.

An experienced provider of behavioral health services including chemical dependency and substance abuse disorders, Ben Gordon Center, Inc. offers services in DeKalb and Sandwich.

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