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***Charlotte Behavioral Health Care Hosts Recovery Vigil to Raise Awareness about Mental and/or Substance Use Disorder Support Services in Charlotte County***

Punta Gorda, FL - Mental and/or substance use disorders are a critical challenge that Charlotte County must address immediately. To draw attention to the issue, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care (CBHC) will lead a Recovery Vigil to raise awareness about people in need of treatment and recovery support services. The vigil, which was attended by more than 200 people last year will draw support from many individuals in recovery, as well as their friends and families.

"My hope is that through these activities, people will recognize that while the road to recovery may be difficult, the benefits of preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders are significant and valuable," states Jay Glynn, CEO, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care. "Mental and/or substance use disorders not only affect those who are suffering, but also their families, friends, and the larger community. This underscores how crucial it is to provide access to prevention, treatment, and recovery support services."

"Seeing people of all ages and from all walks of life join together for a common cause is extraordinary," says Jessica Boles, Director of Marketing, Charlotte Behavioral Health Care "Through each event, each proclamation issued, and each Recovery Month observance, more people across the United States will be able to embrace recovery."

The observance of Recovery Month, which takes place each September, raises awareness of mental and/or substance use disorders, celebrates individuals in long-term recovery, and acknowledges the work of prevention, treatment, and recovery service providers. Each September, and throughout the year, Recovery Month encourages communities nationwide to spread the message that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can recover from mental and/or substance use disorders.

Please join us at our Candlelight Vigil on September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 7:00-9:00 pm at Laishley Park located at 100 Nesbit Street Punta Gorda, FL 33950.

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