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Dear Friend:

BREAKING POINT: AMERICA'S MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS

America is in the grips of a mental health crisis. Giving weight to what the experts have known for years, Mental Health America's latest report provides a snapshot into a very real situation, a situation in which the nation's mental health is descending to dangerous levels with no easy way out. According to the recent data, more than 43 million US citizens suffer from a mental health condition, and the figure is ever increasing. Nearly half were shown to have a co-occurring substance abuse disorder and some 9.6 million Americans have been found to experience suicidal ideation. Worryingly, more than half of the population with mental health needs have not received treatment, some don't even have access to the services they need.

Among our nation's youth, the situation is even worse; rates of severe youth depression have increased from 5.9 per cent to 8.2 per cent in just five years, while almost 12 per cent of young people have suffered at least one major depressive episode in the last year. Of these, 1.7 million did not receive treatment. Beginning with Columbine in 1999, more than 187,000 students attending at least 193 primary or secondary schools have experienced a shooting on campus during school hours, according to a year-long Washington Post analysis. Millions of American students suffer from mental health problems, and only a fraction are receiving necessary treatment, warns a brief from the American Institutes for Research. And the prevalence of mental health problems appears to be growing. Sixty-two percent of college students reported feeling "overwhelming anxiety" over the previous year in 2016, up from 50 percent just five years prior. More alarming still, hospitalizations for mood disorders among children ages 17 and under leaped by 68 percent between 1997 and 2011.

The national government has effectively put an end to the expansion of Medicaid, bringing concerns about the country's mental health provisions to the fore. The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) said that the move would see \$800 billion cut from Medicaid in the next decade, causing mental health services to be slashed. According to the organization, one in three people covered by Medicaid suffers from a mental health or substance abuse disorder. Approximately 24 million people will lose insurance for mental health services, with the bill giving states the ability to let health plans drop coverage of mental health and substance abuse services.

According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, 20 to 25% of the homeless population in the United States suffers from some form of severe mental illness. In a 2008 survey performed by the U.S. Conference of Mayors, 25 cities were asked for the three largest causes of homelessness in their communities. Mental illness was the third largest cause of homelessness for single adults (mentioned by 48% of cities). For homeless families, mental illness was mentioned by 12% of cities as one of the top 3 causes of homelessness.

The suicide of fashion designer Kate Spade and the death of celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain, have captured headlines. Only half of the people who died by suicide had diagnosed mental health conditions.

The good news is that our sickest aren't warehoused in asylums or hospitals anymore. The bad news is that today they're locked up in prisons and are homeless in our cities. Around 365,000 people with mental illness are behind bars, far outnumbering those in hospitals. By some counts, as much as half of the prison population have mental illness. Instead of overcrowded "asylums," which closed en masse starting in the middle of last century, today's prisons and jails serve as our new de-facto institutions. And prisons are the worst places for people with serious mental illness. In communities of color, we witness the use of deadly police force against men and women of color; we shamefully see young African American males use gun violence daily; the alarming increase of murder-suicide against women and in particular against women of color.

Hosanna Ministries Inc. since 1984, and its sister organization, Family360 Inc, since 2011, have provided office, home-based, school-based, court/prison, tele health mental health services to children, youth, veterans, adults, and families; with plans to provide mobile trauma-focused

mental health services in urban, rural, and suburban communities across the 13 Metro Atlanta Counties.

We have launched a five-year capital campaign designed to raise \$25,000,000 to \$40,000,000 to provide the following services to children, youth, veterans, families, and adults: 1), we have signed an agreement to purchase 48.6 acres in Rockdale County, Georgia, and we need to raise \$1.2 million to purchase and prepare this land for construction by January 2019; 2), erect a revenue-generating multi-purpose in-door and out-door consumer friendly sports, recreation, and entertainment center to service our Special Needs consumers and for the community at large; 3), erect 10-12 office buildings and housing units to accommodate outpatient, residential, and job training programs; 4), PTSD residential and day programs; 5), transitional apartment Housing; 6), victims of domestic violence housing and services; 7), center to house and treat child and juvenile sex offenders; 8); an autism school; 9), an Endowment to support current and future programs; 10), a 1200 seat Oasis Worship Center; 11), mobile trauma-focused mental health services in urban, rural, and suburban communities across the 13 Metro Atlanta Counties; and finally, 12), we began discussion with Rockdale County School District regarding a 67,000 sf school building slated to close by 2021 as our job training site.

Here are the ways you can Help:

- Make a donation online at www.Family360Center.com or www.HosannaMinistriesInc.org
- Text to give by texting "MentalHealth" to 1-844-544-7171
- GoFundMe : Gofundme.com/Family360AndHosannaMinistries
- Call us at 770-679-0586
- Send a check (no cash by mail, please!)
- Your tax-deductible donation will help us effectively mitigate the crisis in mental health.

Every donation, no matter what size, is greatly appreciated and will be put to excellent use.

Sincerely,



Rev. Dr. Desmond Maul, CEO & Chair, Capital Campaign