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**REESE DAVIES TO BE HONORED AS INAUGURAL VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR
Transitions-Mental Health Association Will Recognize 15-year Volunteer
and Board Member for His Service and Leadership**

San Luis Obispo, CA – The supporters and staff of Transitions-Mental Health Association (TMHA) are honored to announce that Reese Davies, treasurer of the board of directors and 15-year-volunteer at TMHA, has been selected as the nonprofit mental health agency’s inaugural “Volunteer of the Year.” Davies, who is also president and chief administrative officer of Founders Community Bank, will be honored at Antique Treasures’ Sneak Peek and Wine Tasting event, 6 p.m., Friday, March 20th at the Madonna Expo Center in San Luis Obispo.

“Reese has provided stability to our organization and has been a driving force in its development,” said James “J.T.” Haas, president of the TMHA board of directors. “He’s always very concerned that our assets underlie our mission and that any project we pursue answers the question ‘does it benefit our clients?’ The way we get there is to be prudent with our finances. Reese has made sure we do just that.”

“When Reese Davies decides to support a cause, people line up with him,” said Jill Bolster-White, executive director of TMHA. “He has been an excellent leader and mentor to our agency and brings a wealth of expertise and financial wisdom to all he does. His work to help us prudently acquire properties for our programs is a prime example.”

Davies became involved in 1994 with Transitions, a nonprofit that provided housing within San Luis Obispo for people who had a mental illness. When Transitions merged with another mental health nonprofit, SLO Mental Health Association, Davies remained with the new organization’s board. Davies is also a board member of Southwest Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist University Cox School of Business; treasurer of the Los Padres Council, Boy Scouts of America; a board member of Cuesta College and a member of the Rotary Club of San Luis Obispo de Tolosa.

“I am very honored to be the very first recipient of this acknowledgement,” said Davies, upon hearing of the award. “It has been and still is a great honor to serve on this board and to serve with all the other professional individuals who work so hard and diligently to assist our fellow neighbors with the very challenging effects of mental illness. It is a true honor to be able to give back in this manner.”

The TMHA Volunteer of the Year Award has been established in celebration of the organizations’ 30 years on the Central Coast in service to the community. Each year, TMHA will recognize a new volunteer whose service and vision have been essential in the development of a healthy, whole community where children, adults and families can live, work and grow.

ABOUT TMHA

Transitions-Mental Health Association is a non-profit organization that helps children and adults live, work and grow in our community. TMHA operates 27 programs at over 35 locations that reach over 2,000 people and 1,500 families in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara counties. The emphasis of TMHA’s many programs is to teach vital independent living skills, building a framework for community re-entry through personal empowerment and hands on experience. For 30 years, TMHA has been dedicated to providing housing, employment, case management and life-skills support to mentally ill adults, at-risk youth and homeless adults. For more information, visit www.T-MHA.org.

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