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Yearly Memorial Grant to Be Awarded in Honor of Dr. Martha Tanner for Her Exceptional Work in Advocating for Those with Mental Illnesses

(Eastern Idaho) – On February 20, 2021, Dr. Martha Tanner passed away. She left a legacy of hard work and advocacy for causes close to her heart including infectious disease control and reducing the stigma associated with mental illness. To honor her memory, the Region 7 Behavioral Health Board (R7BHB) has started the Martha Tanner Memorial Grant. This grant is founded with the desire to keep her name and commitment to service alive within our region.

The grant, in the amount of \$1000.00, will be awarded yearly to an organization with a focus in the following areas:

- **Crisis intervention training and resources**
- **Resources to assist in mental illness treatment and recovery**

The application deadline for this year is September 10 and each year thereafter will be August 31. The grant recipient will be chosen during the September R7BHB meeting held virtually on September 17. The Martha Tanner Memorial Grant application, with information on how to apply and submit, can be accessed [here](#).

Dr. Martha Tanner was a founding member of the Region 7 Crisis Intervention Team (C.I.T.) Steering Committee that brought the Memphis Model of First Responder C.I.T. training to Eastern Idaho in 2009. Martha also introduced Community Crisis Centers to the region by taking a group of people to observe the Crisis Center in Billing, MT. Martha was a member of N.A.M.I. (National Alliance on Mental Illness) for many years as well as an accomplished infectious disease control physician who practiced medicine in Eastern Idaho from 1979 until 2004. Her service to our community and advocacy for those living with mental illness left a profound impression on our community.

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