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## **Horizon To Hold a Gala To Celebrate 50 Years of Serving The Community**

**Lynchburg** – Horizon Behavioral Health is the premier provider of mental health, substance use and intellectual disability services in Central Virginia. For 50 years Horizon has supported and promoted the health, independence and self-worth of individuals and families in Central Virginia. We pride ourselves on providing services that are accessible, consumer-centered, evidenced and outcome-based. Horizon recognizes that our success would not be possible without collaborative and sustainable partnerships throughout the communities we serve.

To celebrate our historic milestone - our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Horizon will hold a 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala at **5:30 p.m. on Friday, February 28**. It will be held at 1971 English Tavern Road in Lynchburg. This black tie event will be a magical night full of entertainment, dancing, food, beverages, a silent auction and a live performance by Taylor Rodriguez, celebrity performer. Honorees will be the Bank of the James, Dr. John Capps, Gary Marple and Jim Sikkema. In addition, guests will get to hear from special speaker, Dr. Chethan Bachireddy, Chief Clinical Innovation Officer for the Virginia Department of Medical Assistance Services. Horizon will also have a grand debut of their spectacular new video at this event.

Seats are on sale now at [horizonopportunities.org/events](http://horizonopportunities.org/events). All proceeds will go towards unfunded programs at Horizon Behavioral Health.

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***Horizon Behavioral Health** has been the primary public behavioral healthcare provider in the Region 2000 area for 50 years. In the last year, Horizon provided services to approximately 16,000 adults and children, addressing problems with mental health, substance use and intellectual disabilities. Horizon is accredited by CARF International. This represents the highest level of accreditation that can be given to a behavioral health organization.*