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Directions for Mental Health Named a Finalist for Tampa Bay Business Journal's 2007 Nonprofit of the Year Awards

Tampa, May 9, 2007 - Tampa Bay Business Journal has named *Directions for Mental Health*, a non-profit community health center, as one of the Finalists for the 2007 Nonprofit of the Year Awards. These awards recognize Tampa Bay-based 501(c)(3), non-foundation community organizations benefiting residents of Greater Tampa Bay who are fiscally responsible and accountable with regard to program outcomes.

Clearwater based *Directions for Mental Health* was one of almost 100 nonprofit organizations nominated for the 2007 Nonprofit of the Year Awards and was chosen as a finalist based on its fiscal responsibility, management, mission, programming, and impact in the community.

"There are so many worthy nonprofit organizations in the Tampa Bay area," said Bridgette Mill, Tampa Bay Business Journal publisher, "and we are thrilled to present this awards event and special publication dedicated to recognizing the hardworking nonprofit organizations who are a part of making such a difference in our community."

The *Tampa Bay Business Journal* launched the nomination process for the 2007 Nonprofit of the Year Awards in February and word spread quickly through direct mailings, e-mailings, phone calls, events, as well as advertisements in the paper and on the website. The awards luncheon, which is open to anyone who would like to attend, will be held on Thursday June 21st at A La Carte Event Pavilion and will recognize Directions for Mental Health along with the other finalists. The 2007 Nonprofit of the Year finalists will each be mentioned in a special publication of the Tampa Bay Business Journal issued June 22nd.

About Directions for Mental Health, Inc.

Directions for Mental Health, Inc., established in 1982, is a non-profit organization committed to helping heal the hurt in the lives of thousands of Pinellas County residents suffering from—or at risk of—mental illness. With nationally accredited programs, Directions sets the standard for best practices in mental health treatment, while making mental health care affordable and accessible to individuals and families, and building a safer, healthier community. Serving more than 8,000 people per year, Directions is dedicated to developing innovative programs that change lives, while reducing crime, homelessness, drug abuse and child abuse.

For questions about mental illness and programs, visit Directions for Mental Health's website at www.directionsmh.org or call (727) 524-4464 extension 1700.

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