



(L to R) Jack Wetzel - AHPF President, Bonnie Anne Fulghum - MHA Aiken County Executive Director, Savannah Maddox - MHA Aiken County Executive Assistant, and Shawna Dietrich - ACHS Co-Chair



MENTAL HEALTH AMERICA of AIKEN COUNTY

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AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA: The Aiken Horse Park Foundation is proud to present **Mental Health America of Aiken County** with a \$10,000 check donation from proceeds of the 2021 Aiken Charity Horse Shows. AHPF President, Jack Wetzel, and ACHS Co-Chair, Shawna Dietrich, presented the check to MHA Aiken County Executive Director, Bonnie Anne Fulghum, and MHA Aiken County Executive Assistant, Savannah Maddox, Tuesday morning, August 10th, at the Mental Health America of Aiken County Nurture Home.

"This donation will go straight into our **Nurture Home** general fund," said Fulghum. "This shelter gives the women we serve a chance to get back on their feet, and when they go back out into the world, they're able to sustain and improve their lives. We give them those avenues and opportunities to open those doors."

The mission of Nurture Home is to provide women that are homeless with a mental

illness a safe place to thrive and restore stability within the Aiken community.

"Ninety-six percent of the individuals we serve, never return to homelessness," said Fulghum. "So that's pretty amazing! Thank you from the bottom of our hearts, we're just so excited!"

Co-Chair of the ACHS, Shawana Dietrich remarked, "Our founder, Bruce Duchossois, always believed in philanthropic endeavors here in the community. So we're carrying that torch on in his spirit."

The AHPF continues to make every effort to honor Bruce's legacy by remaining true to his original vision. The ACHS is truly a labor of love dedicated to his memory. The success of our shows these last few years have translated into over \$110,000 distributed to a variety of local and national charities representative of Bruce's pledge to increase public awareness of and support for the prevention and elimination of the abuse of children, elderly and abused persons and for the prevention of cruelty to animals.



Mental Health America of Aiken County mission is to serve as an advocate and a community resource by promoting positive mental health in Aiken County.

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