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## **Judiciary Honors GBHWC with 2023 *Hustisia* Award**

(Hagåtña, Guam) — Recognizing their exemplary efforts towards the betterment of Guam and her people, the Judiciary of Guam presented the 2023 *Hustisia* Award to the Guam Behavioral Health and Wellness Center (GBHWC) in a ceremony held at the Judicial Center yesterday afternoon.

Tearfully accepting the award on behalf of the agency, GBHWC Director Therese C. Arriola said, ***“On behalf of the 289 dedicated employees of GBHWC, I humbly accept this award on their behalf on this May Mental Health Month, this May Law Month—and look forward to a stronger partnership that strives each day to serve with compassion and equity.”***

The Judiciary of Guam’s *Hustisia* Award has been presented annually since 2008 to community members or organizations who significantly contribute to the betterment of our island and the rule of law.

Since its establishment in 1983, GBHWC has had a profound impact in promoting and improving the behavioral health and well-being of our community—providing comprehensive inpatient and community-based outpatient services; assisting individuals experiencing the life-changing effects of mental illness, alcohol, and substance abuse; and working towards reducing the stigma associated with mental illness and substance abuse. Further, their work in treating adults and juvenile offenders for substance use and mental health treatment is essential to the court’s commitment to the reintegration of these individuals into responsible, law-abiding citizens.

***“I applaud the hardworking people of GBHWC, under the leadership of Therese, the work they have done to provide the services that we need to achieve mental health wellness,”*** said Governor Lou Leon Guerrero. ***“To Director Arriola, the people, staff, and management of GBHWC—I want to thank you for strengthening the mental health of our people.”***

***“Mental health is not just the responsibility of the courts and it is not GBHWC’s to bear alone; it is everyone’s business,”*** said Chief Justice Robert J. Torres. ***“I look forward to our ongoing partnership and working towards a future where behavioral health services are easily accessible, and the stigma surrounding it is eliminated—paving the way for a safer and healthier Guam.”***

If you or a loved one is in need of mental health assistance, help is always available by calling **988**, GBHWC’s crisis lifeline. The call is completely anonymous, and anyone can call to talk to a trained lifeline specialist and to seek additional services.

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