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**THE JASON FOUNDATION AND STRATEGIC BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
ANNOUNCE NEW EDUCATION AND AWARENESS COLLABORATION TO
HELP PREVENT YOUTH SUICIDE**

Hendersonville, Tenn., Sept. 1, 2017 – The Jason Foundation, Inc. (JFI), a youth suicide prevention and awareness organization, and Strategic Behavioral Health announced today that Strategic Behavioral Health has become a Jason Foundation National Community Affiliate and will establish Affiliate Offices at ten hospitals that provide behavioral health services. Strategic Behavioral Health joins The Jason Foundation, along with four other National Community Affiliates, to fight the “silent epidemic” of youth suicide.

The Affiliate Offices will serve as hubs where parents, teachers, guidance counselors, students, churches and other community organizations can get educational materials and learn about training programs available through JFI. All programs and materials are offered to the public at no-cost.

“The Jason Foundation is eager to officially announce that Strategic Behavioral Health has become our newest National Community Affiliate,” said Clark Flatt, President of JFI. “Strategic’s commitment to work with community organizations to better support and provide services in their communities was a driving force behind this affiliation.”

“Strategic Behavioral Health is proud to support The Jason Foundation,” said Jim Shaheen, President and Founder of Strategic Behavioral Health. “This will greatly assist our organization’s mission to provide world-class behavioral health care to the patients and families we serve. Through this partnership with The Jason Foundation and its mission to protect young people, we will continue to provide compassionate and highly effective mental health care to people struggling with mental illness.”

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, suicide is the second-leading cause of death for youth between the ages of 10 and 24, resulting in approximately 5,900 lives lost each year. Four out of five young people who attempt suicide exhibit clear warning signs prior to the attempt. By knowing the warning signs associated with suicide and knowing how to help, young lives can be saved.

About the Organizations:

The Jason Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to fighting the “silent epidemic” of youth suicide through educational programs for young people, educators, parents, and other community groups. JFI, headquartered in Hendersonville, TN, was founded in 1997 after the tragic death of Jason Flatt, the 16-year-old son of Clark Flatt. For more information or locations, please visit JFI’s website, <http://www.jasonfoundation.com>

Strategic Behavioral Health provides compassionate and highly effective mental health treatment options utilizing a collaborative team approach to care in the most appropriate setting to meet the diverse behavioral health needs of the communities that they serve. Founded in 2006, Strategic Behavioral Health (SBH) continues to strive toward being one of the top behavioral healthcare organizations in the United States. www.strategicbh.com

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