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Robin McGraw to be honored by the Brien Center on Nov. 14

PITTSFIELD - October 28, 2019 – Robin McGraw of Sheffield, one of the community’s most prolific volunteers, fund-raisers and philanthropists, will be honored by the Brien Center for Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services at its annual UNICO dinner on Nov. 14. The event will take place at the Berkshire Hills Country Club.

“All of us are so fortunate that Robin decided to make Berkshire County his home,” said M. Christine Macbeth, president and CEO of the Brien Center. “His generosity is legendary, but Robin is perhaps best known for personally committing his time and passion to helping many local organizations find solutions to the toughest challenges that face our community.”

McGraw’s portfolio of public service is both diverse and extensive, including long term commitments to healthcare, education, human services, youth development and corrections. He is a member of many Boards of Trustees in Berkshire County and beyond. The consummate First Responder, he is a retired Paramedic and Pro Ski Patroller, and a 25-year volunteer with the Egremont Fire Department where he has served as Captain and Medical Officer. Currently, he is a Deputy in the Berkshire County Sheriff’s Office where he serves on the Opioid Task Force, and a relentless fund-raiser for many nonprofit organizations.

As founder and president of Black Rock Foundation, and Senior Director of the Donald C. McGraw Foundation, McGraw and his family, over many years, have awarded extremely generous grants to support education, healthcare, medical research and human services at the local, state and national level.

At the Brien Center, McGraw has focused his commitment on helping the agency expand services to those with substance use disorders. “No organization can do it alone,” Macbeth said. “Robin has been on the front lines with us at the Brien Center – and with so many other nonprofits – and his efforts have made our community a better place.”

The dinner to honor McGraw will be held on Thursday, November 14, at 5:30 at the Berkshire Hills Country Club. The event is open to the public; however, reservations in advance are appreciated. For tickets and information, contact Mary Murphy at 413-629-1272 or mary.murphy@briencenter.org.

ABOUT THE BRIEN CENTER

The Brien Center is a community-based, non-profit agency providing behavioral health services to about 10,000 children, adolescents, and adults each year throughout Berkshire County. For more information visit, <http://www.briencenter.org>.

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