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MARY RUIZ NAMED BEHAVIORAL HEALTHCARE CHAMPION

(Bradenton, FL)... Manatee Glens President/CEO Mary Ruiz was named a Behavioral Healthcare Champion for 2012, as selected by the editorial team for *Behavioral Healthcare* magazine. The professional journal selected five executives nationwide for the honors, and they were featured in the July/August, 2012 issue.

“These Champions are outstanding business people and leaders; individuals who would stand out in any organization based on their passion, talent and business acumen. The fact that they put their remarkable financial, organizational and leadership talents to work to support those who serve some of the most stigmatized and marginalized people in our society, speaks volumes for who they are as people,” says Dennis Grantham, Editor-in Chief of *Behavioral Healthcare*.

Ruiz was recognized for her leadership, dedication, political savvy and vision. She has the “ability to look fearlessly into what she calls ‘the gap between what’s real and what’s possible,’” the article stated. “If you’re taking risks, you have to realize that failure is an option,” Grantham quoted Ruiz in the magazine.

With an undergraduate degree in Urban Studies from New College of Florida and a graduate business degree from the University of South Florida, Ruiz relies on her training as a community builder and a businesswoman to face the constant flow of challenges. *Behavioral*

Healthcare also lauded Ruiz for her ability to continue to serve more clients in the midst of funding cuts. Manatee Glens will provide \$11 million in charity care this year.

Ruiz and the four other Behavioral Healthcare Champions will be honored in September at the National Conference on Addiction Disorders (NCAD) and the co-located *Behavioral Healthcare* Leadership Summit in Orlando.

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Manatee Glens is the specialty hospital and outpatient practice in Bradenton treating mental health and addictions in youth, adults and seniors.

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