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GAUDENZIA HOLDS 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Norristown, PA - November 14, 2018 – Gaudenzia Inc. held its 50th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, November 13, at the Crystal Tea Room in Philadelphia, PA.

Gaudenzia Inc.'s founders, community partners, past and present leaders, supporters, friends and alumni participated in the celebration. Mayor Kenney spoke on behalf of the City of Philadelphia, who requested Gaudenzia's presence in 1968, to help solve the drug and alcohol problem plaguing the city. Pat Ciarrocchi served as the Mistress of Ceremonies. In attendance were people instrumental in Gaudenzia's beginning years: The Honorable Michael Baylson, Honorable James Giles, Honorable Paul Dandridge, Joan Specter, Joe Lewis, and Dick Atkins. Michael Harle, Gaudenzia's CEO has been involved with Gaudenzia for 46 years.

"As Gaudenzia celebrates 50 years, we honor our past and celebrate the present and our accomplishments over 5 decades, while we also look to our future," said Lynanne Schaeffer Community Affairs Manager.

For 50 years, Gaudenzia Inc. has been helping people in their recovery from addiction. Serving about 17,500 individuals annually, Gaudenzia operates 169 drug and alcohol treatment programs at 101 facilities for men and women in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, and Washington, D.C. Our services include specialized programs for pregnant and parenting mothers, adolescents, and people suffering from co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse. Gaudenzia continues to improve and expand our services, helping individuals, families and communities overcome the ravages of addiction.

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