

Jason and Victoria Byrd
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Dear Jason and Victoria,

Each of Idaho's seven Regional Behavioral Health Boards held a vote to select an individual in their respective communities who exemplifies community advocacy, resiliency, and passion for mental health. Empower Idaho is pleased to inform you that you have been selected by the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare's Region 6 Behavioral Health Board to receive the 2021 Mental Health Advocate Award in celebration of Idaho Mental Health Month!

To illustrate why you two were chosen for this recognition, I will include a statement from the Region 6 Behavioral Health Board: "Jason and Victoria Byrd have dedicated their lives to mental health wellness in our community. Jason has used his career as clinical director to learn about and advocate for mental health for vulnerable populations as well as the community at large. Jason also recently applied to and is currently serving on the Region VI Behavioral Health Board, holding the Mental Health Advocate seat. Victoria has used her platform and influence to be a witness to her own mental health growth and to be a light for others to see and follow in their own path to mental wellness. As a team, they have been an unstoppable force in our community for good. They are constantly thinking of their neighbor and have used their knowledge and education to form a nonprofit specifically linking mental health and physical health, as well as providing resources for mental wellness and suicide prevention awareness. We cannot think of two individuals more deserving of this award than Jason and Victoria. They have brought many valuable resources to our community which are incredibly worthy of recognition and honor."

Congratulations on receiving this meaningful recognition. The Empower Idaho team is grateful for the opportunity to honor you in this way. We are in the process of creating a physical award to commemorate what you mean to the Idaho Mental Health Community, which will be mailed to the Behavioral Health Board, or directly to you. In the meantime, please accept this certificate in recognition of all of your hard work and commitment to helping others!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Anna Guida'.

Anna Guida, MPA

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