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*I am humbled to receive the Humanitarian Award from the Mental Health Association of Monmouth County, an organization that is very close to my heart. Supporting mental health has been central to my personal mission since my earliest days, eventually driving me to pursue a career as a psychologist. Though my winding career path eventually led me away from the counseling profession, I have been privileged to serve in various roles that enabled me to address the mental health needs of individuals in our community. From serving on the County's Mental Health Board and the Human Services Needs Assessment Committee, to facilitating the opening of the KEYS Academy Recovery High School on our campus, to establishing transitional programs for adults with intellectual disabilities, to declaring Brookdale a Stigma Free Campus, to opening our new Caroline Huber Holistic Wellness Center, I simply hope to connect people with resources that they may need to thrive. Of course, all of this work has required the hands of many partners such as the Monmouth County Commissioner Director Tom Arnone and Commissioner Sue Kiley, Senator Vin Gopal, the Huber Family, the Matawan-Aberdeen School District, the Monmouth-Ocean Foundation for Children, more than a dozen human service organizations throughout Monmouth County, my Community Advisory Council, contractors, and members of my Brookdale team from Facilities, Student Affairs, Advancement, and many more.*

*Thank you for this recognition. I'm moved beyond words to receive this award.*

--David M. Stout, Ph.D.  
President, Brookdale Community College