

# Susan E. Gallagher

**Interim Chief Financial Officer**

**New Horizons Behavioral Health**



Susan Gallagher assumed the role of Interim Chief Financial Officer at New Horizons Behavioral Health in February 2023. She is maintaining responsibility for Grants Management as an additional duty. She assumed the position as Grants Manager with New Horizons Behavioral Health in 2016. With over 30 years fiscal and management experience with State, Local Government and Not-For-Profit Organizations, she brings attention to detail and a sense of accountability to every endeavor, whether professional or personal.

Over the course of her professional career in Columbus, GA, Ms. Gallagher has worked to bring federal and state grant funds to much needed programs and projects. Beginning in 1996 with work as member of the Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court grant team, she has been directly involved in bringing over \$13.4 million in grant funds to support projects in the local community. These projects include: a \$5 million federal SAMHSA Grant for Community Mental Health Centers; \$1.3 million federal SAMHSA Grant Substance Abuse Prevention Capacity Building Initiative; a \$1.2 million federal SAMHSA Grant to Benefit Homeless Individuals; \$450,000 in DBHDD State Opioid Response Funds; \$379,000 in DCA ESG-Covid Cares funds; \$330,000 from DBHDD for Georgia APEX Project in Chattahoochee County and \$165,000 in DPH HIV Prevention through Social Media/CAPUS funds. She has successfully partnered with the Muscogee County Adult Drug Court on (2) expansion SAMHSA grant applications resulting in \$3.3 million in federal grant funds and with the Muscogee County Juvenile Court on a \$1.57 million Family Treatment Drug Court grant.

Susan Gallagher is an advocate for Behavioral Health for children, adolescents, adults and families. Through Community Education events, Ms. Gallagher educates and informs on mental illness, addictive disease and intellectual disabilities. She speaks to parent groups, civic and church groups on such topics as children's mental health, older adults & depression, suicide prevention and stigma.

Prior to moving to Columbus in 1989, Susan Gallagher lived in San Antonio, Texas, where her daughter was born at Lakeland Air Force Base. Born in New York City and raised in South Florida, Susan Gallagher joined the US Army in 1984 as a Medic. Using money from the Montgomery GI Bill, she graduated from Columbus College in 1993 with a bachelor's degree in Accounting.

She is a member of the Church of the Holy Family, the Weracoba/St. Elmo Preservation Society, a Keep Columbus Beautiful Commissioner, Girl Scouts of Historic Georgia Lifetime Member, Historic Columbus Foundation Member and Columbus Museum Member. She is an American Red Cross Volunteer First Aid/ CPR Instructor and a Georgia Imagine Hope, Certified Rapid HIV and HEP C Tester. Ms. Gallagher is a Certified Mental Health First aid Instructor and QPR Suicide Prevention Instructor.

Susan Gallagher has received the Five and Ten Years of Faithful Service Award from the State of Georgia; the Elizabeth Ann Seton Award for Work with Catholic Youth; the Girl Scouts of the USA Honor Pin; Certificate of Appreciation, Muscogee County Juvenile Drug Court; Irving J. Fox Award, Outstanding Accounting Graduate, Columbus College; and US Army Commendation Medal, Second Oak Leaf Cluster.

*Pray as if God will take care of all; act as if all is up to you.*

*Ignatius of Loyola*