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TALBOTT RECOVERY CEO, BENJAMIN H. UNDERWOOD, RECEIVES *NELSON J. BRADLEY, M.D. LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD*

Talbot Recovery co-founder and CEO, Benjamin H. Underwood, FACHE, was awarded the *Nelson J. Bradley, M.D. Lifetime Achievement Award* during the 2011 National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) Conference held in Arizona on May 14-17, 2011. This prestigious award is given annually to an individual whose lifetime has been committed to the cause of furthering addiction treatment.

Ben Underwood has been a respected leader in the field of behavioral health and addiction treatment for more than four decades. A graduate of the University of Georgia, Ben began his career in the mid-1960s as Associate Administrator of Atlanta's Northside Manor and served as President and CEO of The Metropolitan Psychiatric Center in Atlanta. He also served as President and CEO of Safe Centers, which operated chemical dependency programs around the southeast. Ben was instrumental in co-developing and opening the Talbot Recovery Program with G. Douglas Talbot, M.D.

Ben Underwood's partnership with Dr. Douglas Talbot resulted in an addiction treatment program that has long been recognized as the gold standard in the treatment of addictive diseases and coexisting psychiatric disorders. His expertise has earned him national acclaim. Ben has served as chairman of the National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers (NAATP) and was awarded the *American College of Addiction Treatment Administrator's Outstanding Achievement Award* in 1992. On behalf of Talbot Recovery, in 2006 he accepted the prestigious *James West M.D. Quality Improvement Award* for clinical excellence from NAATP. The award reflects Ben's and the entire Talbot Recovery staff's dedication and ongoing commitment to providing Talbot patients and their families the finest in addiction treatment services. In 2007, he was awarded the *Georgia Hospital Association's (GHA) Chairman's Award*, the association's highest honor, for his dedication and professional achievements over the last 40 years in Behavioral Healthcare. Ben served on the Georgia Hospital Association Board of Trustees for 10 years, is a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives, and is Board Certified in Healthcare Management.

Talbot Recovery provides comprehensive treatment of addiction, dual diagnosis and related medical, psychological, psychiatric, spiritual and work-related problems. Talbot has been recognized nationally for over 38 years as a leader and pioneer in the assessment and treatment of chemical dependency and dual diagnosis. Thirty and ninety day treatment programs are available.

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