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**Tw9enty One Tw4lve Legacy Event Raises More than $20,000 to support Substance Abuse Programs in Washington County**

**Jackson** – Two moms who would not let their sons’ death stop them from loving and supporting them, recently joined forces to raise money to support another cause near and dear to the hearts.

Together, Terry Bogues and Kerri O’Dell redirected their grief into developing a fundraiser, **Tw9enty One Tw4lve,** at Terrace 167 in Richfield. The October event, which benefitted Elevate Inc. substance use programs, raised in excess of $20,000 and will have a positive impact on the lives of those who struggle with addiction.

“We owe a debt of gratitude to Terry and Kerri and their families,” Mary Simon, executive director, Elevate, shared. “There’s still a stigma associated with addiction and so it’s not always easy for nonprofit’s like Elevate to raise critical funding. These dollars will support the Todd K. Martens Treatment and Recovery Fund which helps people access residential treatment or sober living situations.”

Bogues and O’Dell both know the pain of having a child who struggled with addiction. Bogue’s son Greg Bergeron and O’Dell’s son Troy O’Dell both battled against drug addiction. Now, their mother’s mission is to do whatever they can to see that other moms never have to see their child deal with the agony that is addiction.

Bergeron died because of his addiction. O’Dell was in recovery but died as the result of a car accident.

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