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1<sup>st</sup> Annual PAD Gala  
Parents Against Depression, Inc.  
Bethesda, Maryland

**A Message from Governor Larry Hogan**

Dear Friends:

Welcome to the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Parents Against Depression, Inc. (PAD) Gala, organized by TISTA Science and Technology! I am honored to provide this message to you.

Depression is a tormenting illness, and when those who face it turn to suicide, loved ones left behind are overcome with grief, anguish, and sometimes, guilt. Since PAD's founding, the organization and its members have worked in our communities to share information and resources to help those suffering from depression and their families.

On this, the eve of World Suicide Prevention Day, I wish to offer my most sincere sentiments to all those who are dealing with the loss of a loved one or close friend due to suicide. As you lift others, you will, in turn, lift yourselves, and find a healing balm for your sorrows through such compassionate service.

Again, I welcome you to this event and offer each of you my very best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Larry Hogan".

Larry Hogan  
Governor