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Coronavirus Online Therapy Announces 501(c)(3) Nonprofit Status
Expands list of eligible individuals to include family members, teachers

BOULDER, Colo., July 13, 2020 – Coronavirus Online Therapy is pleased to announce that it has been approved as a 501(3)(c) charitable organization with tax exempt status, under the public charity Therapy Aid Coalition. Establishing this official nonprofit allows the Coronavirus Online Therapy initiative to accept tax-deductible donations and grants that will be used to continue providing mental health resources to front-line workers across the United States during the coronavirus pandemic, and beyond.

“This is a milestone that we have pursued from day one,” said founder Jennifer Silacci, LCSW, SEP. “In the near term, this will allow our nationwide network of licensed therapists to continue its mission of providing pro bono and low-cost therapy to essential workers. Longer term, this will allow us to expand our reach, and puts us one step closer toward our goal of establishing a scholarship fund that will cover the cost of therapy for those in need.”

Established in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 crisis, Coronavirus Online Therapy aims to connect essential workers in all 50 U.S. states with licensed private practice therapists who have volunteered to provide free or low-cost, short-term, online therapy.

The group also announced today that it is expanding its list of eligible participants to include teachers and school personnel, essential workers who may be on furlough, and family members of essential workers. Medical technicians, grocery store workers and others are also eligible for care under the program.

Donations can be made online at www.coronavirusonlinetherapy.org/donate. All donations are tax deductible, and will support the group’s outreach efforts as well as ongoing training and support for the approximately 3,500 therapists who have volunteered their services.

About Coronavirus Online Therapy

Coronavirus Online Therapy, an initiative of Therapy Aid Coalition, is a volunteer-based organization whose mission is to deliver free or low-cost online therapy by licensed professionals in all 50 states to essential workers during the coronavirus pandemic. Coronavirus Online Therapy also serves as a training provider and support network for psychotherapists. Its vision is to eliminate common obstacles such as cost and accessibility that can prohibit clients from receiving services. For more information, visit www.coronavirusonlinetherapy.org.

About Therapy Aid Coalition

Founded on the belief that therapy should be accessible and free to those impacted by national crises, the Therapy Aid Coalition mission is to develop and support a national network of psychotherapists capable of immediately responding to crises that occur within the United States. The organization also offers support, training and compensation to its psychotherapists, in order to ensure their continued ability to provide timely and quality care. Therapy Aid Coalition is a registered 501(3)(c) charitable organization with tax exempt status under the U.S. Internal Revenue Service.

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