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Global Sustainable Partnerships Inc. (GSP) announces its partnership with the **Black Physicians and Healthcare Network (BPHN) to provide services at no cost to Black residents of Montgomery County, Md.**

SILVER SPRING, MD —A new initiative from Global Sustainable Partnerships Inc. (GSP), through a grant from the Black Physicians and Healthcare Network (BPHN), will support Advancing Equitable Health in providing services at no cost to insured, underinsured, and uninsured Black residents of Montgomery County, Maryland. Thousands of underserved Black residents in the county will benefit from this program.

The move into the healthcare space predicated on a 2020 pivot by GSP to a more regional focus. In order to prioritize the need for solutions to address the wide range of inequities prevalent in African American and African Diaspora communities, GSP began to build its services around the traumatic impact and despair resulting from Covid 19, the economic downturn, and the heightened racial injustice. “GSP is engineering a shift in the healthcare landscape, placing greater emphasis on community health outcomes to achieve health equity by leveraging community partners to help drive impact in our Black communities. Our belief is that no one should be prevented from achieving optimal health because of their social position or circumstance. That’s why we are passionate about implementing health and wellness programs that include, prediabetes education, diabetes prevention education, nutrition counseling, fitness instruction, mind body wellness activities, and mental health support that benefit Black communities,” said GSP Founder and CEO, Kimberly L. Fogg. “Our motto is *When We Partner Miracles Happen!* That’s why GSP’s Outreach Team is out in the community meeting face-to-face to get the word out about the great work that BPHN is doing and sharing connections to available resources. We want everyone in the community aware about the free services provided by culturally competent Black care givers to improve the overall health of Montgomery County Black residents. This is truly a miracle for our families.”

The BPHN is a culturally tailored health and wellness approach that focuses on building a trustworthy, inclusive model for total health engagement for the diverse Black communities in Montgomery County. BPHN, offers free specialized care for the Black Montgomery County residents by connecting them to Black Primary Care Physicians, Specialist, Mental Health Practitioners. In addition to contact with healthcare providers, this model also includes access to a full complement of community resources including food hubs, rental assistance, financial assistance, veterans’ assistance, and more. This initiative provides services at absolutely no cost to Black residents of Montgomery County regardless of their insurance status. Co-pays and care of patients to a BPHN Healthcare provider are covered by

Montgomery County. “We are excited about this partnership with GSP because they truly understand our goals of investing in this community and have worked for several years within the health and wellness space to improve and access and affordability,” said Krystal Holland, BPHN Director.

About Black Physician and Healthcare Networks (BPHN): The Black Physicians and Healthcare Network (BPHN) providers are a multi-disciplined, multi-specialty group of physicians and health care providers whose mission is to improve the overall health of the Black residents in Montgomery County, MD. BPHN seeks to eliminate these health disparities through providing free health care and resources, advocacy, education, and outreach. BPHN is a program of The National Center for Children and Families (NCCF). To learn more please visit the website at www.bphnetwork.org.

About Global Sustainable Partnerships (GSP): GSP was founded by Kimberly L. Fogg and co-founded by Mary Barth and designated as a 501(c)(3) early 2010. GSP works internationally/nationally to promote sustainable development solutions to improve women (and their families) lives globally by providing excellent services to build their capacity. It does this through building private-public partnerships to create and foster sustainability initiatives to enhance and strengthen the capacity of organizations involved in healthcare systems, build capacity of communities and organizations involved in humanitarian assistance and emergency operations, promote community engagement in vulnerable communities and conducting intervention assessments. In 2020, GSP pivoted and redirected our efforts to the US, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We prioritize the need for solutions to address the wide range of inequities, prevalent in African American and African Diaspora communities, including the traumatic impact and despair resulting from impact Covid 19, the economic downturn, the heightened racial injustice, and the prevalence of the impact of the Social Determinants of Health (SDOH), specifically diabetes that shape unequal health outcomes in Black communities. To learn more about GSP, please visit our website at www.gspartnerships.org.

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