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Barbara McInnis House: Medical Respite Care Program of Boston, Massachusetts, Recognized for Successful Partnership

New York, NY (November 19, 2009) --- Thomas J. Moran, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mutual of America Life Insurance Company, announced today that Barbara McInnis House: Medical Respite Care Program, Boston, Massachusetts, was named the 2009 Mutual of America Community Partnership National Award winner. Developed by Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program (BHCHP), Barbara McInnis House received this award for providing medical care for homeless patients who are too sick for a shelter or the street but not sick enough for a hospital stay.

“Barbara McInnis House provides continuity in a system that’s fragmented,” says Jim O’Connell, M.D., president and founder of BHCHP. “Addressing the complex needs of the homeless shows us how to improve health care for all—by coordinating services across medical disciplines.”

Barbara McInnis House counts as its partners Boston Medical Center, Massachusetts General Hospital and over 80 shelter and outreach partners including the Pine Street Inn, St. Francis House, Rosie's Place, and N.E. Center for Homeless Veterans. Boston Medical Center and Massachusetts General Hospital provide the majority of patient referrals to Barbara McInnis House. These hospital partners are able to shorten the length of hospital stays by discharging patients to recuperate at Barbara McInnis House.

Every patient admitted to Barbara McInnis House receives care from a multi-disciplinary team that consists of an M.D., nurse practitioner or physician assistant, a registered nurse and a case manager. The Barbara McInnis House team provides comprehensive medical, dental and behavioral health care. Each case manager addresses housing, income and benefit issues; and develops a discharge plan.

Now in its fourteenth year, the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award has recognized 140 partnerships from cities and towns across America, expanding public awareness of their work and helping them attract additional partners and new sponsors.

Criteria for the Community Partnership Award

The criteria for the Community Partnership Award (CPA) are the duration of the partnership (a minimum of one year), a demonstration that the partnership has made a difference, the ability of the partnership to be replicated and stimulate new ideas for partnerships to address social issues, and the partnership's commitment to advancing the mission and principles of the organization. For more information about the CPA, visit "Community Partnership Award" at mutualofamerica.com.

The 2009 honorees in the Community Partnership Award national competition are:

National Award Winner – Barbara McInnis House: Medical Respite Care Program, Boston, Massachusetts

Honorable Mention – Family Connection, Dallas, Texas

Honorable Mention – Psychiatric Assertive Identification and Referral, Indianapolis, Indiana

Merit Finalist – BRC Transit Homeless Outreach, New York, New York

Merit Finalist – Family Safety and Empowerment Center, Raleigh, North Carolina

Merit Finalist – Florida Institute for the Advancement of Teaching, Boca Raton, Florida

Merit Finalist – Giving Back® Fall Prevention Project, Paia, Hawaii

Merit Finalist – Safe & Sound Milwaukee, Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Merit Finalist – Roberto Clemente Wildcats Student Health Center, Chicago, Illinois

Merit Finalist – Transitional Youth Academy, Escondido, California

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