

Circle the City Medical Respite Center Named a Mutual of America 2017 Community Partnership Award Winner

Phoenix-based Community Program Provides Integrated Health Care
and On-site Supportive Services for Homeless Men and Women



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NEW YORK, Nov. 16, 2017 /PRNewswire/ -- Mutual of America announced today that Circle the City Medical Respite Center was named an Honorable Mention award recipient of its 2017 Community Partnership Award competition.

This program is changing the lives of the city's most vulnerable residents, who either have been discharged from hospitals or living on the streets with acute conditions. By offering a safe place to rest and recover, they can achieve a more complete recovery and avoid the complications of chronic illness and injury that often send them back to the emergency room.

The Medical Respite Center is part of Circle the City, a nondenominational, homeless-focused health care organization founded by Sister Adele O'Sullivan, CSJ, MD, in 2008. In 2011, she forged a partnership with Hospice of the Valley to create Circle the City Medical Respite Center, a one-of-a-kind refuge for homeless people who are sick or injured with nowhere else to go.

"Each year, hundreds of people experiencing homelessness in our community have the opportunity to heal at Circle the City's Medical Respite Center, where they receive health care, nursing support and even end-of- life care when needed," said Brandon Clark, CEO of Circle the City. "Concurrently, each patient is also offered intensive social services to help them access food; health insurance; and, perhaps more importantly, housing before they are discharged."

About the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award

The Mutual of America **Community Partnership Award** annually honors the outstanding contributions that nonprofit organizations, in partnership with public, private and other social sector organizations, make to society. Since 1996, the Community Partnership Award has recognized 220 partnerships from cities and towns across America. To **watch videos** of all of the national award-winning programs, visit the Mutual of America Foundation Community Partnership Award channel on YouTube.

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