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## **Mary's Center receives \$20,000 from *Aetna Voices of Health* Competition The Center won second place among 33 organizations nationwide**

**Washington, D.C.** – On Thursday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, [Aetna](#) will present a \$20,000 check to Mary's Center as the second place winner of the [Aetna Voices of Health competition](#), a national competition created by Aetna in 2011 to honor groups that are working to improve people's health and well-being in their communities.

"Aetna has been a tremendous supporter to Mary's Center and it was a privilege to be part of this competition with 32 other organizations that do such a great job in the country," says Maria Gomez, Mary's Center president and CEO. "We are indebted to the 125,373 voters that helped us reach the second place and win \$20,000."

Through the Aetna Voices of Health campaign, each organization developed a [one-minute video](#) telling their story and between August and October people voted for their favorite non-profit organization.

"We are amazed each year at the quality of work from the groups nominated in the Voices of Health campaign, but also the passion of the people that support these groups," said Tito Colon, head of Multicultural Marketing for Aetna.

Mary's Center will use the \$20,000 to support our comprehensive health services for families in our most recent location in Prince George's County, Maryland.

"We are serving our most hardworking community without health insurance at this Prince George's County health unit and the Aetna resources will allow us to increase our mental health services an ever increasing need in the County given all of the economic hardships that our participants face daily," says Joan Yengo, Mary's Center Vice President for Programs.

Overall, the 2013 Aetna Voices of Health campaign generated 562,043 votes. More than 1.9 million votes were cast through the Voices of Health campaign over the past three years.

The check presentation will take place at Mary's Center's headquarters at 2355 Ontario Road, NW, in Washington, DC at 10:30 am.

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### **[About Mary's Center](#)**

Founded in 1988, Mary's Center is a [federally qualified health center](#) that provides health care, family literacy and social services to 40,000 individuals whose needs too often go unmet by the public and private systems. Mary's Center uses a holistic, multipronged approach to help each participant access individualized services that set them on the path toward good health, stable families, and economic independence. The Center offers high-quality, professional care in a safe and trusting environment to residents from the entire DC metropolitan region, including individuals from over 110 countries. [www.maryscenter.org](http://www.maryscenter.org).

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