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Mary's Center Receives Federal Recognition for Best Clinical Performance

HRSA Presented the Organization with the 2017 Health Center Quality Leader Award

Washington, DC –Mary's Center has received the 2017 Health Center Quality Leader Award from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), part of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

This recognition was granted to the Center for being one of the top health centers in the country and achieving the best overall clinical quality measures among the nearly 1400 health center across the entire United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and the Pacific Basin.

“This recognition couldn't come at a better time, as we are celebrating 30 years of service this year,” says Maria Gomez, founder and president of Mary's Center. “It is proof that our commitment to increasing access to care, our responsiveness to community needs and our laser focus on improving both quantitative and qualitative outcomes have paid off.”

For the past 30 years, Mary's Center has provided access to affordable, cost-effective and high-quality care to everyone who walks through its doors, regardless of ability to pay. Services offered include medical, dental, and behavioral health care, as well as substance use treatment, education for the entire family, and social support services.

“This achievement is a wonderful recognition for the work that every single staff member at Mary's Center does every day,” says Dr. Tollie Elliott, Chief Medical Officer of Mary's Center. “The comprehensive support our team offers through our social change model contributes mightily to our successful patient outcomes.”

Mary's Center's unique social change model, which integrates healthcare, education, workforce development and social services, provides individuals with a path to good health and economic prosperity. The model is currently being evaluated by the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Urban Institute, with the aim of replicating best practices in communities throughout the nation.

To learn more about Mary's Center, visit maryscenter.org.

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Founded in 1988, Mary's Center is a Community Health Center that provides a model of care including healthcare, education and social services to nearly 50,000 individuals from 50 countries through eight locations in Washington, DC and Maryland. Using a holistic, multipronged approach, Mary's Center helps each participant access individualized services and find the path towards wellness, stable families, educational success and economic opportunities. For more information please visit us at www.maryscenter.org or follow us on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).