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CATHOLIC CHARITIES MIGRATION AND REFUGEE SERVICES MERIT FINALIST FOR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP AWARD FROM MUTUAL OF AMERICA

On May 10, 2011 Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada's Migration and Refugee Services will be recognized for being a Merit Finalist for the 2010 Mutual of America Community Partnership Award.

The event will take place, Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at the Pinyon Ballroom at Aria Hotel and Casino at CityCenter. Award presentation will be from 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Migration and Refugee Services (MRS), a division of Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada, counts as its partners the State of Nevada Division of Welfare and Supportive Services and the Southern Nevada Health District. MRS received the award for helping refugees meet basic needs such as food, shelter, clothing and education for up to five years after they arrive in southern Nevada, helping them to become self-sufficient as soon as possible.

MRS begins working with each refugee within days of arrival in southern Nevada, providing them with furnished apartments, short-term financial and medical assistance and help finding and securing employment. For those refugees who don't have family in the area, Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada becomes that family, coordinating and overseeing community resources through its wide network of programs and services. "We guide individuals through the whole process of cultural orientation," says Carisa Lopez-Ramirez, Vice President of Catholic Charities Migration and Immigration Services.

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 2010 honorees in the Community Partnership Award national competition are:

National Award Winner – Reducing Recidivism Through Education & Directed Career Development, New York, New York

Honorable Mention – Denver's Road Home – Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness, Denver, Colorado

Honorable Mention – Education Resource Centers, Indianapolis, Indiana

Merit Finalist – Desert Harvest Food Rescue Program, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Merit Finalist – Foster Teens to College, Yakima, Washington

Merit Finalist – Going Places! A Social Club for Young Adults with Asperger's Syndrome & Related Disorders, Rockville, Maryland

Merit Finalist – Little Company of Mary's Comprehensive Bereavement Services, Evergreen Park, Illinois

Merit Finalist – Catholic Charities of Southern Nevada's Migration and Refugee Services, Las Vegas, Nevada

Merit Finalist – School-to-Work Partnership, Miami, Florida

Merit Finalist – Walgreen's Training Center, Northampton, Massachusetts

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Catholic Charities is one of the largest nonprofit social service providers in the state, offering a comprehensive range of human services for infants, children, families, senior and the homeless. Catholic Charities' 24 diverse programs are designed to help people regardless of race, religion, or creed.

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