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Coalition for the Homeless presents awards to Houston's finest homeless advocates

October 14, 2015 (Houston, Texas) - The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County hosted its annual World Homeless Day awards on Monday, October 12 to recognize the “behind the scenes” individuals and organizations working tirelessly to advocate and serve Houston’s homeless population under [The Way Home](#) system. The free, invitation-only event took place at River Oaks Theatre, where the marquee announced the event. Guests enjoyed traditional movie snacks and a private screening of the film “@home” (pronounced At Home), a documentary following the work of homelessness e-activist and blogger [Mark Horvath](#). Following the film, Coalition CEO Marilyn Brown presented the organization’s 2015 awards in a local celebration of World Homeless Day which takes place annually on October 10.

Award recipients included:

Achiever of the Year - Thomas Conner, Monique Douglas

Bridge Builder – Primary Care Innovation Center

Business/Corporation - Wells Fargo

Housing Partner - Houston Housing Authority

Media Champion - St. John Barned-Smith, Houston Chronicle

Peg Dudar Individual Advocate - Eddie deRoulet, Houston Area Community Services

Sally Shipman Service Provider Staff - Donna Lucas, Madge Bush Transitional Living Center

Services Partner - Harmony House

Spirit of Collaboration Award – Coordinated Access partners (The BEACON, Houston Area Community Services, SEARCH Homeless Services, Star of Hope, and the VA Drop-In Center)

Community volunteers, homeless services staffers and leadership, as well as local business representatives attended the festivities. Seen at the celebration were: presenting sponsor CenterPoint Energy’s Diane Hassell Englet; Ralph Adams; David Buck; Laura Jaramillo; Amber Rabo; and Charly Weldon.

For more information on the Coalition for the Homeless, visit www.homelesshouston.org

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The Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County is a non-profit, 501(c)3 whose mission is to provide leadership in the development, advocacy and coordination of community strategies to prevent and end homelessness. Learn more at www.homelesshouston.org.

Photo image gallery available upon request.