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MANNA PRESENTS HEALTH PARTNERS PLANS WITH 2015 NOURISH AWARD

WHAT: On Thursday, March 12th, MANNA presents Health Partners Plans with its 2015

Nourish Award. The awardee: Health Partners Plans is a local, non-profit health maintenance organization serving more than 190,000 members in the Greater Philadelphia region. *Nourish* is an exclusive MANNA event that celebrates National Nutrition Month® with a two-day open house. *Nourish* gathers policy makers, researchers, medical and insurance providers for an inclusive look at MANNA and the "food is medicine" model. The event culminates with the presentation of the Nourish Award. The award will be presented by Meribeth Hoffman, Senior Vice President of Healthcare Lending Team Lead - TD Bank.

WHO: Staff from HPP (Health Partners Plans);

Staff from TD Bank;

Staff from MANNA (Metropolitan Area Neighborhood Nutrition Association).

WHEN: 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm (*remarks to begin at 6 pm*)

Thursday, March 12, 2015

WHERE: MANNA

2323 Ranstead Street; Philadelphia

MORE: MANNA established the Nourish Award in 2010 to celebrate champions of

healthcare and nutrition.

For more details about Nourish 2015 contact Emily Gallagher at <u>EGallagher@mannapa.orq</u> 215-496-2662 x127. Visit <u>www.mannapa.orq</u>, like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter.

About MANNA

Especially for people at acute nutritional risk due to life-threatening illnesses, <u>MANNA</u> prepares and delivers delicious nourishing meals and counsel, empowering individuals to battle illness and improve their quality of life. A small professional staff and 3,000 dedicated volunteers bring more than 60,000 nutritious, home-delivered meals each month to individuals and families living with HIV/AIDS, cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. MANNA dietitians promote wellness through nutrition education and counseling. Through these services, MANNA provides opportunities for caring people to extend loving support to families, friends, and neighbors. MANNA is spelled in all capital letters.

ABOUT HEALTH PARTNERS PLANS

Nationally recognized for its innovations in managed care, Health Partners Plans consistently receives the highest ratings for member and provider satisfaction and, in 2014, was ranked the #1 Medicaid plan in Pennsylvania and 20th in the nation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Health Partners Plans is a not-for-profit managed healthcare organization serving more than 190,000 members in the Greater Philadelphia region. It provides a broad range of health coverage options through Health Partners Medicare, Health Partners for Medicaid recipients, Health Partners Essential (Healthy PA) and its KidzPartners (Children's Health Insurance Program) plan. Founded nearly 30 years ago, Health Partners Plans is one of the few hospital-owned health insurers in the country. Learn more about how Health Partners Plans is "doing it right" at HealthPartnersPlans.com, twitter.com/HPPlans and facebook.com/healthpartnersplans.