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### **ST. JOSEPH HEALTH, QUEEN OF THE VALLEY MEDICAL CENTER EARNS NATIONAL RECOGNITION FOR EXEMPLARY COMMUNITY SERVICE**

*Napa, California healthcare provider selected  
as finalist for 2015 Foster G. McGaw Prize*

CHICAGO and Napa, Calif., January 14, 2016 – In honor of its broad-based efforts to improve the lives of the most vulnerable members of its community, [St. Joseph Health, Queen of the Valley Medical Center](#) in Napa, California was named a finalist for the prestigious 2015 [Foster G. McGaw Prize](#) for Excellence in Community Service, one of the most esteemed community service honors in healthcare.

The Foster G. McGaw Prize is sponsored by The Baxter International Foundation and the American Hospital Association (AHA) and Health Research & Educational Trust. This year marks the award's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. As a finalist, Queen of the Valley Medical Center will receive \$10,000 to be used to support their community health initiatives. The organization was also named a finalist for the award in 2013.

“Since its beginning, Queen of the Valley has dedicated itself to serving as a catalyst in promoting and safeguarding the health of the community,” said John O’Brien, chair of the Foster G. McGaw Prize Committee. “Its programs such as a mobile dental clinic for low-income children, a community-based network that provides medical and psychosocial chronic disease management for low-income, chronically ill people; school-based childhood obesity prevention, and a Parent University are having a true impact on the community.”

For more than 50 years, St. Joseph Health, Queen of the Valley Medical Center has been a vital resource and integral part of the Napa Valley community. As a Catholic, non-

profit, full-service acute care, 208-bed hospital, Queen of the Valley employs approximately 1,300 and is the major diagnostic and therapeutic medical center for Napa County and the surrounding region. The organization extends its role far beyond the traditional medical model, working as a key partner and leader to enhance the health and quality of life for Napa County's most vulnerable populations.

"Our mission calls us to care for all people," said Walt Mickens, president and CEO, Queen of the Valley Medical Center. "Through our Community Benefit programs, we extend our care outside of the hospital walls and into our surrounding neighborhoods. We bring a holistic approach to prevention and treatment, integrating education with physical, mental and spiritual care, to heal those most in need. We are honored to be recognized for our dedication to promoting wellness and building a strong, healthy community."

Among other programs, Queen of the Valley was recognized for the following innovative community service initiatives:

- **Children's Mobile Dental Clinic** – Launched in 2006, this initiative provides free comprehensive dental services for children living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level. In 2014, more than 2,000 low-income Napa County children received services through the mobile clinic, with a total of 4,682 visits. The clinic provided 2,688 procedures, including fillings, extractions, root canals and crowns, 3,070 exams and cleanings.
- **CARE (Case management, Advocacy, Resources and Education) Network** – Dedicated to providing timely delivery of necessary medical and support services and improving health outcomes and quality of life among chronically ill patients living at or below 200% of the federal poverty level who are uninsured or underinsured. In 2014, this program served 344 individuals through intensive community-based care management and another 378 individuals for brief care coordination and navigation. . Intensive clients demonstrated a 66 percent reduction in hospitalizations and a 64 percent reduction in emergency room use compared to pre-enrollment. In addition, an independent 2013 evaluation of the program found that the CARE Network reduced the per patient per month healthcare cost by 74 percent from pre-enrollment to after program discharge.
  - **Integrated Behavioral Health** – Established to increase access to free mental health services, which has been ranked a top priority health need for Napa County, this initiative includes perinatal emotional wellness and counseling, a community-based behavioral health program for underserved older adults and

behavioral health services for underserved chronically ill. The initiative has led to more than 1,200 depression screenings and the provision of more than 1,000 face-to-face therapy sessions.

“The Foster G. McGaw Prize recognizes healthcare organizations that serve as role models for improving the health and well-being of the people in their communities,” said O’Brien. “This year’s winner and finalists offer a broad spectrum of programs to improve population health in their specific communities. Their outstanding leadership and collaboration serve to improve physical and behavioral health – as well as address social determinants of health – and thus make a positive difference in people’s lives.”

The 2015 winner of the \$100,000 Foster G. McGaw Prize is Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston. It was recognized for its dedication to addressing social and economic determinants of health, reducing barriers to care for vulnerable populations, and promoting health equity.

In addition to Queen of the Valley, other finalists include ThedaCare in Appleton, Wisconsin and Lancaster General Health in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

**Queen of the Valley Medical Center** is a 208-bed, acute-care facility founded by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange. The Queen is the largest healthcare facility and one of the largest employers in Napa County. Services provided include a Regional Heart Center, a Regional Orthopedic Center, a Regional Cancer Center approved with commendations by the American College of Surgeons, the Peggy Herman Neuroscience Center, maternity and infant care, inpatient and outpatient minimally invasive surgery, and full-service emergency department, among many other specialty services. More information about Queen of the Valley Medical Center can be found at [www.thequeen.org](http://www.thequeen.org).

**The Foster G. McGaw Prize**, celebrating 30 years of honoring excellence in community service, recognizes healthcare organizations committed to community service through a range of programs that demonstrate a passion and continuous commitment to making communities healthier and more vital. The prize, first awarded in 1986, inspires hospitals, health systems and communities to assess and implement programs that improve their communities. For more information, visit [www.aha.org/foster](http://www.aha.org/foster).

**The American Hospital Association** is a not-for-profit association of healthcare provider organizations and individuals that are committed to the improvement of health in their communities. The AHA is the national advocate for its members, which include nearly 5,000 hospitals, health care systems, networks and other providers of care. Founded in 1898, the AHA provides education for health care leaders and is a source of information on health care issues and trends. For more information visit the website at [www.aha.org](http://www.aha.org).

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