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CHN FOUNDER, CEO HONORED AS PIONEER IN SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

COLUMBUS (September 4, 2013)—Community Housing Network, Inc., Founder and CEO Susan Weaver was recognized as a Pioneer in Supportive Housing at the 2013 Ohio Supportive Housing Partners Luncheon.

The luncheon, which was hosted by the Corporation for Supportive Housing at the Doubletree Hotel in Columbus, recognized Ohio's leaders in supportive housing and provided an opportunity to share industry updates at the local, state and national levels. In addition to a plaque, Ms. Weaver received artwork created by a young woman who uses her creativity to help cope with mental illness.

"I am honored to be recognized as a CSH Pioneer in Supportive Housing," Ms. Weaver said. "When Community Housing Network was started in 1987, our goal was to develop 500 units of housing over five years for people disabled by mental illness. Today, thanks to its committed board, staff, Chief Operating Officer Anthony Penn and many funding and service partners, CHN owns or assists more than 1,800 housing units rented to people disabled by mental illness, substance addiction and histories of homelessness."

Supportive housing, which is permanent housing that provides linkages to social, health and employment services, is recognized as a best practice for vulnerable populations and also has been proven to significantly reduce the use of shelters, institutions and other community resources.

Despite the considerable impact CHN has made in Central Ohio, Ms. Weaver said, "There is still more work to be done to meet the growing demand for supportive housing."

About Community Housing Network

CHN develops, owns and manages housing across Franklin County, Ohio, and provides affordable apartments to people disabled by mental illness, substance abuse and who have histories of homelessness.

About Corporation for Supportive Housing

CSH advances solutions that use housing as a platform for services to improve the lives of the most vulnerable people, maximize public resources and build healthy communities.

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