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GATEWAY HEALTHCARE CELEBRATES ITS 15TH ANNUAL AWARDS LUNCHEON

WARWICK, RI – May 17, 2010 – Gateway Healthcare celebrated its 15th Annual Awards Luncheon at The Crowne Plaza in Warwick, Rhode Island on Friday, May 14th at 11:45am. With over 175 friends, supporters and employees in attendance, Gateway celebrated its accomplishments and reflected on the status of behavioral health services in the Rhode Island community. The event also honored those individuals and companies who have supported the important mission of the organization this past year.

Richard Leclerc, President of Gateway Healthcare and J. Thomas Eakin, Board Chair presented awards recognizing the philanthropic and community leadership contributions under two categories: Community Leadership and Light of Hope Philanthropy Award.

The 2010 Community Leadership Awards was presented to: **Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) Jeannine Vachon of the Rhode Island National Guard** and **Francis R. Dietz, President and CEO of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island** for their commitment to Gateway Healthcare and the families it serves.

Gateway's annual Light of Hope Philanthropy Award was created to recognize the extraordinary philanthropic contributions of an individual or an organization. This year's recipient of this award was **MetLife Auto & Home**.

Lieutenant Governor Elizabeth Roberts was in attendance to give remarks. Additionally, Gateway premiered a video about how the Gateway and its network of affiliates continue to address gaps in care in the community, representing a vanguard approach to a seamless system of care.



[photo caption (l-r): Richard Leclerc, President of Gateway Healthcare; Francis R. Dietz, President and CEO of Memorial Hospital of Rhode Island; Lieutenant Colonel (ret.) Jeannine Vachon of the Rhode Island National Guard, David Hammarstrom, Director of Public Relations for MetLife Auto & Home; and J. Thomas Eakin, Board Chair of Gateway Healthcare]

ABOUT GATEWAY HEALTHCARE: Gateway Healthcare, Inc., is the largest non-profit behavioral healthcare organization in Rhode Island, providing a broad spectrum of preventative and treatment programs for children, adolescents, families, and adults suffering from severe mental illness, substance abuse problems, and emotional and behavioral disorders. Gateway Healthcare is headquartered in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Gateway serves over 15,000 unduplicated children, adults and families, providing more than \$3 million in free care each year. For more information, please visit www.gatewayhealth.org.

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