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DOORWAYS CLIENTS ASSISTED BY ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

ST. LOUIS –DOORWAYS, a non-profit service organization for people affected by HIV/AIDS, was awarded a \$20,000 grant by the Annual Catholic Appeal of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. The grant will help DOORWAYS to support the improved health of those affected by HIV/AIDS through housing services.

Each spring, Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis generously respond to assist others through the Annual Catholic Appeal. Members of nearly 200 parishes across the Archdiocese make pledges of support to programs for people of all faith traditions. These programs assist the homeless and hungry, help families seeking an education for their children, fund scholarships for students in Catholic schools, and support teachers’ salaries. Nearly \$14.2 million was raised from more than 54,000 Catholic households in 2014 through pledges, gifts and distributions from the Perpetual Light Society Endowment.

“Every year I am amazed by the generosity of the people of the St. Louis region,” Brian Niebrugge, Executive Director of Stewardship and the Annual Catholic Appeal, said. “I am humbled to see the works of mercy and compassion our volunteers and supporters make possible through organizations like DOORWAYS.”

In April, DOORWAYS’ leadership will share stories of hope from their clients during the Annual Catholic Appeal at four area parishes. “As an organization started by the sisters at St. Mary’s Hospital and carrying a long interfaith tradition of compassion for a hurting people, DOORWAYS is thrilled to participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal,” Opal M. Jones, President and CEO, said. “We know faith can play an integral part in healing and we are glad to partner with people from around our region to offer housing supportive services to people in need.”

DOORWAYS is an interfaith, non-profit organization that provides housing and related supportive services to improve quality of life and health outcomes for people affected by HIV/AIDS. Through direct service delivery and the efforts of identified program partners, DOORWAYS’ programs and services annually benefit 1,000 households living with HIV/AIDS in the 15-county St. Louis metropolitan area, 62 under-served counties in outstate Missouri, and another 55 under-served counties in outstate Illinois. In Saint Louis, to volunteer or to donate, please visit www.doorwayshousing.org.

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