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Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness Announces Inaugural Homeless Awards Reception and Dinner.

Phoenix (October 7, 2013) – The Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness will be hosting its Inaugural Home Awards Dinner and Reception on the first day of their two-day 20th Annual Statewide Conference on Ending Homelessness later this month. The dinner will be held at the Black Canyon Conference Center on Tuesday, October 29th. The evening will begin with a 5:00 PM reception where guests will be able to bid on a variety of raffle items, immediately followed by dinner and the awards presentation.

The Coalition has always recognized individuals who have made great accomplishments towards ending Homelessness in Arizona at their annual conference, but this year with the introduction of the Homeless Award comes the introduction of their first Awards Dinner. AZCEH wanted to create an opportunity for the public to become more aware of the work being done throughout the state surrounding homelessness and recognize the individuals and organizations who are continuously working towards progress.

This year marks the first presentation of the Homeless Award, which goes to a person, place or project that strikes out homelessness in Arizona in an exemplary way. The 2013 Homeless Award Recipient is Native American Connections' Encanto Pointe.

Native American Connections' Encanto Pointe is a Housing First Project supporting the chronically homeless and medically needy. Fifty-four units of affordable, permanent supportive housing community target chronically homeless individuals. The Project is the first architecturally designed "Housing First" affordable housing community in the State of Arizona where residents are wrapped with supportive services tailored to their specific needs.

Awards will be presented in the following six different categories:

Homeless Award

Native American Connections' Encanto Pointe

Business Partnership

St. Joseph's Hospital and Medical Center

Advocate of the Year

Office of the Phoenix Mayor Greg Stanton
(Confirmed Guest)

Lifetime Achievement

Gail Loose, *Posthumous*

**Outstanding Achievement in
Overcoming Homelessness**

Tippy Haumesser

Five Star Leader Award,

Melvin Brody

- Who:** The Arizona Coalition to End Homelessness, www.azceh.org
- What:** Inaugural Homeless Awards Reception and Dinner
Individual Tickets \$100; Register online at www.azceh.org/home-awards
- Where:** Black Canyon Conference Center, 9440 N. 25th Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 8021
- When:** Tuesday, October 29th, 2013. 5:00PM Reception 6:00PM -8:00PM Dinner & Awards Ceremony
- Why:** To recognize the achievements of those individuals who have committed themselves to understanding the state of Homelessness in Arizona, identified the needs of the community and worked towards improving resources towards a path to end homelessness in Arizona.