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**Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Selects
2016 RWJF Culture of Health Prize Finalists**

16 Communities Advance in the Prize Selection Process

Princeton, N.J. (March 10, 2016) —The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) today announced the 16 communities that have been chosen as finalists for the fourth annual *RWJF Culture of Health Prize*. The Prize honors communities that place a high priority on health and bring partners together to drive local change.

Selected from nearly 200 applicants, the following 16 finalist communities are one step closer to the coveted national Prize:

24:1 Community Region, MO	Oakland, CA
Clayton County, GA	Philadelphia, PA
Columbia Gorge Region, OR/WA	Rancho Cucamonga, CA
Grand Rapids, MI	Santa Monica, CA
Louisville, KY	Shoalwater Bay Indian Tribe (WA)
Manchester, NH	Trenton, NJ
Miami-Dade County, FL	Tulsa County, OK
New Haven, CT	White Mountain Apache Tribe (AZ)

“The *RWJF Culture of Health Prize* finalist communities are working together to put good health within everyone’s reach,” said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, RWJF president and CEO. “We look forward to learning more from these 16 finalist communities about how they are working across multiple fronts to help people thrive.”

The Prize is an annual competition that awards \$25,000 to up to 10 communities that are making great strides in their journey to better health. Each winner will also have their success story celebrated broadly to inspire change across the nation.

To earn Prize finalist status, communities had to demonstrate how they excelled in six criteria:

- Defining health in the broadest possible terms.
- Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented long-term solutions.
- Cultivating a shared and deeply-held belief in the importance of equal opportunity for health.
- Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members.
- Securing and making the most of available resources.
- Measuring and sharing progress and results.

Over the next three months teams from RWJF and the University of Wisconsin Population Health Institute, along with national leaders from throughout the country, will visit the finalist communities to learn more about how they are working across multiple fronts to improve health for all. The 2016 *RWJF Culture of Health Prize* winners will be announced in September.

Find out more about the previous 20 Prize winners at www.rwjf.org/prize

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