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Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Selects
2017 RWJF Culture of Health Prize Finalists

11 Communities Advance in the Prize Selection Process

Princeton, N.J. (March 7, 2017) – The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) today announced the 11 communities that have been chosen as finalists for the fifth annual RWJF Culture of Health Prize. The Prize honors and elevates communities that understand health is a shared value and everyone has a role to play in driving change.

Selected from more than 200 applicants throughout the country, the following 11 finalist communities are one step closer to the coveted national Prize:

- Algoma, WI
- Bernalillo County, NM
- Garrett County, MD
- Nogales, AZ
- San Pablo, CA
- Vicksburg, MS
- Allen County, KS
- Chelsea, MA
- Ingham County, MI
- Richmond, VA
- Seneca Nation of Indians (NY)

“The RWJF Culture of Health Prize finalists continue to show what’s possible when communities make health a high priority and bring diverse partners together,” said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, RWJF president and CEO. “Our team looks forward to visiting these communities to learn more about how they are leveraging their unique strengths to build a Culture of Health.”

The RWJF Culture of Health Prize is an annual competition that awards $25,000 to Prize winning communities that are making great strides in their journey to better health. Prize communities also have the opportunity to share their story and lessons learned with the country and join a national network of past winning communities.

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.

The 2017 RWJF Culture of Health Prize winners will be announced this fall. Find out more about the previous 27 Prize winners at www.rwjf.org/prize

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