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Thirteen Respite Services Selected as Innovative and Exemplary in National Search

Washington, D.C., March 25, 2019 — The ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center is pleased to announce the recognition of thirteen innovative and exemplary respite services from across the country. Each respite service met a stringent set of criteria for selection and all have outstanding programs that address the needs of family caregivers of children, adults or older adult family members.

Three of the nationally-selected programs will receive funding to attend the ARCH National Lifespan Respite Conference in Buffalo, New York, April 30-May 2, 2019 where they will be recognized for their achievements.

Respite is the most frequently requested support service among the nation's 40 million family caregivers, yet 85% of caregivers caring for an adult do not access respite services, despite the proven benefits to caregiver and family health and wellbeing. In addition, according to the most recent National Child Health Survey, more than 14 million children have special needs. It is estimated that 80% of parents of children with disabilities and children from vulnerable families also are not able to access respite. Respite for these families can reduce caregiver stress, improve caregiver and family health and well-being, and help avoid more costly out-of-home placements and may even help to reduce the likelihood of child abuse or neglect.

By recognizing high quality respite services across the country, ARCH hopes to encourage the expansion and replication of such services.

The programs that will be supported to attend the National Lifespan Respite Conference at the Buffalo Grand Hotel in Buffalo, NY, on May 2 for recognition of their respite services include:

Agape Respite Care, Inc., Berne, IN

Caregiver Volunteers of Central Jersey/Alzheimer's Respite Care Program, Toms River, NJ

George Mark Children's House, San Leandro, CA

The following programs from across the country are also recognized as providing exemplary and innovative respite services:

A Rosie Place for Children, South Bend, IN

Anne Arundel County Department of Aging and Disabilities Respite Care Referral Program, Glen Burnie, MD

Assistance with Residential Care in the Home (ARCH) Respite Care, St. Louis Arc, St. Louis, MO

Child Care Aware® of America Exceptional Family Member Program (EFMP) Respite Care, Arlington, VA

Claude Moore Precious Time, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

Gio's Garden, Middleton, WI

Masterpiece R&R Respite Care Program, Lincoln, NE

Providence House, Cleveland, OH

Respite Care, Inc., Fort Collins, CO

Vanessa Behan Crisis Nursery, Spokane, WA

For more detailed information about each program and the selection process, see attached and the ARCH [website](#).

The ARCH National Respite Network and Resource Center, a project of the Chapel Hill Training-Outreach Project, Inc., assists and promotes the development of quality respite and crisis care programs; helps families locate respite and crisis care services in their communities; and serves as a strong voice for respite in all forums. The ARCH National Respite Network includes the National Respite Locator, the National Respite Coalition that advocates for preserving and

promoting respite in policy and programs at the national, state, and local levels, and the Lifespan Respite Technical Assistance Center that provides respite training and technical assistance to [Lifespan Respite grantees](#), [State Respite Coalitions](#), ARCH's membership, and the general public.

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