

Saint Anthony Hospital Wins BlueCross and BlueShield of Illinois Healthy Community Award at LISC Chicago's 23rd Annual Chicago Development Awards

March 2, 2017 – Saint Anthony Hospital was awarded the Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois Healthy Community Award by Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) Chicago at the 23rd Annual Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards (CNDA) on February 28. The hospital won citywide recognition for its work in mental health. The award recognizes Saint Anthony Hospital's successful community-based efforts to address the health of low-to-moderate income neighborhoods in the Chicago metropolitan area through creative and collaborative strategies.

Access to mental health services plagues people nationwide, but more importantly, for Saint Anthony Hospital, the communities served lack resources to these types of services. To address this, the hospital created its Mental Health Services program in 2003 to offer therapy to residents who otherwise would be unable to afford it. Each year, the program continues to grow, reaching hundreds of people.

"This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of our team," said Guy A. Medaglia, President and CEO for Saint Anthony Hospital. "We look forward to continuing and expanding our programs as part of the Focal Point community campus, designed to provide resources and opportunities to improve the well-being of Chicago's west and southwest neighborhoods."

For more information and to see our video, visit: <http://www.lisc-cnda.org/Past-winners/23rd-CNDA-Winners-2017-0/BLUE-CROSS-AND-BLUE-SHIELD-OF-ILLINOIS-HEALTHY-COMMUNITY-AWARD.html>

Established in 1995, CNDA was created to celebrate, honor and recognize the outstanding achievements in neighborhood real estate development, architectural design and community development in neighborhoods across the city. CNDA is the largest and most venerated celebration of the creativity and accomplishments that transform neighborhoods throughout Chicago. All award submissions were extensively reviewed by teams of judges.

"For more than two decades the Chicago Neighborhood Development Awards and the Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Award for Architectural Excellence in Community Design have celebrated Chicago's neighborhoods while honoring and recognizing the outstanding achievement in neighborhood real estate development, community engagement, neighborhood planning, and building stronger and healthier communities," said LISC Chicago Executive Director Meghan Harte. "Community development by definition is neither easy nor fast, but the people and organizations who do this work in our neighborhoods have succeeded in making progress. It is our neighborhoods that provide the flavors and texture that make Chicago unique. At CNDA, we stop briefly to recognize and celebrate individual achievements and the communities that together we have created by design."