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Dignity Health and Hospitality House to Help Underserved Populations Together

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Grass Valley, Calif. (Feb. 12, 2021) – As more families and individuals continue to find themselves housing insecure and homeless, Dignity Health Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital is determined to help those in need. As an age-old friend and partner of Hospitality House, the hospital didn't hesitate to partner with Hospitality House again for 2021, signing on as a branded strategic partner. As part of the partnership, Dignity Health will donate thousands in unrestricted funding to help the nonprofit respond where the need is greatest.

"We are thrilled to continue our long-standing partnership with Hospitality House," said Dr. Brian Evans, President of Dignity Health Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital. "Our hospital is committed to supporting their endeavors to empower the homeless community in Nevada County. Their work in offering shelters and advocating for our homeless population is invaluable. We appreciate everything they do and are honored to aid their mission of bringing dignity to those in need."

Since the start of the pandemic, Hospitality House has been operating as a nonstop, 24/7 operation with expanded shelter and outreach services, helping a total of 639 unique individuals this past year.

"Homelessness will continue to rise," said Nancy Baglietto, Executive Director at Hospitality House. "Even when COVID-19 vaccinations become widespread, the ripple effects of the pandemic are expected to be long-lasting. In response, we are ramping up our operations even more for this year and will continue our expansion efforts well into 2021 and beyond. Dignity Health's support will aid these efforts."

Dignity Health's steadfast support has played a keen role in homeless-related services offered at Hospitality House. Outside of their strategic partnership, past grant opportunities offered by Dignity Health helped form a partnership between Granite Wellness Centers, Grass Valley Police Department and Hospitality House. The three organizations launched the Rapid Access to Wellness program in 2019 and throughout 2019 and 2020, they worked together to help homeless individuals on the streets reach recovery treatment, shelter and housing. In 2018, Dignity Health helped launch the Recuperative Care Dorm at Utah's Place (Hospitality House's physical shelter) with County of Nevada to give homeless individuals released from Sierra Nevada Memorial Hospital a place to rest and recuperate from injuries and ailments. The program is designed to reduce the number of repeat hospital visits and increase the rate of recovery. Its success inspired Hospitality House to grow medical recovery services further. Through expanded collaboration, 10 additional medical respite beds were introduced in 2020.

Learn more about becoming a strategic partner of Hospitality House by calling 530-615-0852 or send an email to info@hhshelter.org. To help further services to those in need, the community's support is always welcome and appreciated. Donations may be made at hhshelter.org, by calling 530-615-0852, or by sending a donation made payable to Hospitality House at 1262 Sutton Way, Grass Valley, CA 95945.

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About Hospitality House

The mission of Hospitality House is to bring homeless people in Nevada County into a circle of community caring that offers shelter, sustenance, advocacy, opportunity, dignity, and hope as they transition from homelessness to housing. For more information about Hospitality House, visit hhshelter.org.

About Dignity Health

Dignity Health is a multi-state nonprofit network of 10,000 physicians, more than 60,000 employees, 41 acute care hospitals, and 400-plus care-centers, including community hospitals, urgent care, surgery and imaging centers, home health, and primary care clinics in Arizona, California, and Nevada. Dignity Health is dedicated to providing compassionate, high-quality, and affordable patient-centered care with special attention to the poor and underserved. Dignity Health is a part of CommonSpirit Health, a nonprofit health system committed to advancing health for all people and dedicated to serving the common good. For more information, please visit our website at www.DignityHealth.org.