Migrant Clinicians Network Wins Premier Cares Award and $100,000 for Its Health Network

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Texas Nonprofit Recognized by Premier, Inc. for Improving the Health of Populations in Need

CHARLOTTE, N.C. and AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 28, 2016 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Migrant Clinicians Network (MCN), a nonprofit dedicated to improving health for the poor, has received the 24th annual Monroe E. Trout Premier Cares Award, which includes a $100,000 cash prize, for providing comprehensive case management, medical records transfer and follow-up services through its Health Network.

Sponsored by Premier, Inc. (NASDAQ:PINC), a leading healthcare improvement company, and its alliance of 3,600 hospitals and 120,000 other providers, the Cares Award recognizes exemplary efforts by not-for-profit community organizations to improve the health of populations in need. MCN's Health Network collaborates with providers in primary care clinics, health departments, and the federal detention and prison systems across the U.S. to keep precarious, medically underserved mobile patients in care.

“To have Health Network selected from such an impressive field of candidate programs is humbling,” said Deliana Garcia, MA, director of International Projects, Research, and Development for MCN. “It is so gratifying to see years of hard work honored.”

MCN's Health Network provides individualized case management, timely medical records transfer, and follow-up communication with patients under care for cancer screening and treatment, diabetes and other chronic illnesses, TB and HIV, and women needing perinatal care. Those served by Health Network are generally low-wage laborers, few with access to health insurance.

A panel of national healthcare leaders selects the Premier Cares Award winner and five finalists, all of which receive...
cash awards for use in further improving their programs. The Cares Award program spotlights these community-based healthcare initiatives and helps other organizations learn to replicate the unique programs.

“Our Cares Award program honors six outstanding organizations that are helping to care for a medically underserved population in their community,” said Susan DeVore, president and CEO, Premier. “Through its innovative program to help mobile patients, this year’s Cares Award recipient – MCN’s Health Network – is making a true impact across the U.S.”

Garcia, along with Ricardo Garay, MCN’s Health Network Manager, were recognized on Jan. 26, 2016, at Premier’s member conference. The following Cares Award finalists were also recognized:

- Center for Clinical Resources at the Western Maryland Health System – Cumberland, Maryland
- Heartland Alliance Marjorie Kovler Center – Chicago, Illinois
- Illumination Foundation – Irvine, California
- Overdose Prevention Project, a program of the North Carolina Harm Reduction Coalition – Durham, North Carolina
- Southcentral Foundation Nuka System of Care – Anchorage, Alaska

About Migrant Clinicians Network

Migrant Clinicians Network is a nonprofit dedicated to health justice for the mobile poor, creating practical solutions at the intersection of poverty, migration, and health. [www.migrantclinician.org](http://www.migrantclinician.org)

About the Premier Cares Award

Premier has presented the Cares Award annually since 1991, when it was created by Dr. Monroe E. Trout, former CEO of American Healthcare Systems, one of Premier's heritage organizations. The program has provided more than $3 million to more than 100 organizations nationwide. The competition is open to not-for-profit organizations that have been in existence for more than two years, are providing creative solutions to health status improvement, can provide documentation of outcomes and impact on a specific population, and have programs that can be replicated in other communities. [www.premierinc.com/caresaward](http://www.premierinc.com/caresaward)

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