

\$180,000 in Awards to Senior Transportation Services 19 Services from 14 States Win Awards

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(Albuquerque, NM) – Today, the Beverly Foundation announced the winners of its 2011 STAR Awards for Excellence. The cash awards range from \$5,000 to \$20,000 and are intended to enable winners (each of which included at least some volunteers as drivers) to promote and provide transportation services to older adults. The 19 winners were selected by a committee of 20 nationally recognized experts in transportation and aging.

2011 Beverly Foundation STAR Award Winners

STAR Awards for Excellence (\$20,000)

Community Partners in Caring - Santa Maria, California
FriendshipWorks - Boston, Massachusetts
Senior Services – Seattle, Washington

STAR Special Recognition Awards (\$15,000)

College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging – Twin Falls, Idaho
Elder Services of the Merrimack Valley - Lawrence, Massachusetts
Grafton County Senior Citizens Council - Lebanon, New Hampshire
Na Hoaloha - Wailuku (Maui), Hawaii

STAR Special Merit Awards (\$5,000)

Avoyelles Public Transit – Marksville, Louisiana
Catholic Community Services of King County – Seattle, Washington
Community Concepts, Inc. – Auburn, Maine
Faith in Action Caregivers – Georgetown, Texas
Gateway Services ARC/Access Johnson County – Franklin, Indiana
Jewish Family Service of Los Angeles – Los Angeles, California
Little Brothers, Friends of the Elderly – Hancock, Michigan
Medical Motor Service of Rochester and Monroe County – Rochester, New York
Prairie Hills Transit – Spearfish, South Dakota
Ruth Rales Jewish Family Service of South Palm Beach County – Boca Raton, Florida
Senior Helpline Services – Lafayette, California
Western-Washtenaw Area Value Express (WAVE) – Chelsea, Michigan

This is the 12th year the Beverly Foundation has conducted its annual STAR Awards program. In that time, almost 1,500 applications have been received, and 115 STAR Awards have been conveyed to 102 organizations in 40 states. In 2011, STAR Award applications were received from 281 senior transportation services in 47 states. Additionally, more than 1,000 STAR Award applicants were listed on a Map of STPs (Supplemental Transportation Programs for seniors). Each entry includes a link to the applicant's website.

About Beverly Foundation

Beverly Foundation, headquartered in Albuquerque, New Mexico is a non-profit operating foundation that undertakes research, technical materials development, assistance, and program recognition to encourage and facilitate mobility and transportation for older adults. For more information about the STAR Awards, STPs, and the Map of STPs please visit www.beverlyfoundation.org.

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