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APHSA, HSITAG, and Pennsylvania Convention Center Raise \$33,034 for Mission to End Homelessness

Philadelphia, PA - The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA), in collaboration with the Human Services Information Technology Advisory Group (HSITAG) and the Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority (PCCA), proudly announced a joint initiative that raised \$8,034 in support of PHLCares, a business-led initiative committed to ending chronic homelessness in Philadelphia.

The announcement was made during the closing ceremony of APHSA's National Human Services Summit, where John J. McNichol, President and CEO of PCCA, accepted the donation on behalf of PHLCares. Known for matching donations dollar for dollar, PCCA made a powerful statement of support for APHSA's mission by pledging a generous \$25,000 contribution to PHLCares. With this contribution, the total amount raised for the program reached an impressive \$33,034!

"We thank APHSA and the Philadelphia Convention and Visitors Bureau for their generous contribution to PHLCares and their support of our mission to find meaningful solutions to chronic homelessness in Philadelphia," McNichol later said. "Donations to PHLCares allow organizations that provide resources and services to individuals experiencing homelessness to continue their important work in the community and help make a significant impact in the lives of those who use their services."

PHLCares, a fund of the Philadelphia Foundation, was co-founded by McNichol and other local business leaders to invest in long-term, sustainable solutions to homelessness. Since its inception, PHLCares has raised over \$1 million to support organizations such as Pathways to Housing PA, Bethesda Project, Resources for Human Development, and SELF, Inc.

In addition to the fundraising campaign, APHSA and HSITAG assembled 150 Summer Survivor Kits for Pathways to Housing PA, one of the 14 organizations supported by PHLCares. These kits provide essential supplies to individuals experiencing homelessness during the summer months.

"APHSA is honored to support PHLCares and the incredible work being done by its partner organizations," said Donna Jarvis-Miller, CMP, CEM, Director of Membership and Events at APHSA. "This initiative reflects our commitment to strengthening communities and supporting people experiencing housing insecurity."

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About APHSA: The American Public Human Services Association (APHSA) supports leaders from state, county, and city human services agencies to advance the well-being of individuals, families, and communities nationwide. As a bipartisan membership association, they work with their members to generate pragmatic solutions grounded in lived experience. Visit www.aphsa.org to learn more.