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**PHC To Honor Polk County Board of Supervisors with 2018 Primary Leaders in Health Award**

*PHC's Annual Event Honors a Distinguished Community Partner*

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 @ Forte in Des Moines

Des Moines, IA (May 14, 2018) -- PHC is set to host the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Primary Leaders in Health Award reception this Tuesday, May 15 in Des Moines. Each year the organization selects an esteemed community partner or individual to honor. The 2018 award will be presented to the members of the Polk County Board of Supervisors.

PHC wishes to recognize them for the support, leadership and expertise that has been lent to the success of Centralized Intake, an innovative program that addresses homelessness in Polk County. Supervisor John Mauro stated "The work that Primary Health Care does to support our homeless population is critical. We especially appreciate their efforts to look at the issue from a holistic perspective and in leading a coordinated effort in helping these individuals and families. On behalf of the Polk County Board of Supervisors we are proud to be partners in this important work."

Centralized Intake is a collaborative effort of over 30 organizations throughout Polk County to address homelessness in our community. It is the starting point for people that are homeless or those who are in unstable housing environments. The Board has provided outstanding support, leadership and direction of this vitally important program. PHC's CEO Kelly Huntsman remarked, "We're delighted to be honoring the Polk County Board of Supervisors with this year's award. They are a valued resource and partner in the work we do to reduce homelessness in Polk County. We are grateful for their continued focus and sound leadership as we seek to help the vulnerable and underserved living in our community."

PHC is a nonprofit community health center with 15 locations throughout Ames, Des Moines and Marshalltown. They provide medical, dental, behavioral health, HIV care, homeless support and other services to the poor and underserved living in central Iowa. PHC works to bridge the gaps in care identified by the communities they serve and have been providing healthcare and supportive services in Iowa for over 35 years.

Event Details:

*Forte, 615 3<sup>rd</sup> Street in Des Moines*

*May 15, 2018*

*Cocktail Reception @ 5:30, Program @ 6:30*