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Thank you for submitting a nomination for meghan Spinelli.

Overview

Thank you for your 2021 Community Star Nomination. Here is a copy of the nomination for your records. If you have any questions, please reach out to NRHD Community Star Project Coordinator, Brea Corsaro at bcorsaro@powerofrural.org.

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Which best describes the organization your nominee is associated with?

Health System
and Rural Health

Please describe your connection to the individual or organization you are nominating.

CompleteCare Health Network, a leader in community health, shares common goals with the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health by improving the lives of New Jersey residents and making a difference in our rural communities. Their comprehensive and high-quality care is responsive to the needs of our New Jersey population and their collaboration with their providers enhances the work we do to keep our rural communities healthy. CompleteCare has been instrumental in the handling of the pandemic by joining our efforts to provide farmers and migrant workers and their families access to the vaccine. This collaboration has been vital to the Office of Primary Care and Rural Health as we continue our efforts to improve the health of our rural communities.

Please explain the individual's or organization's connection to or interaction with their State Office of Rural Health.

CompleteCare provides health services to rural communities, specifically migrant workers all year long. CompleteCare created a safe environment for workers to obtain necessary health services. Since the pandemic, they have also partnered with us and other stakeholders while coordinating visits with dozens of farms to provide COVID-19 related outreach, education, testing and vaccinations.



The Community Star Recognition Program is designed to honor those whose contributions are making a difference in rural through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication. What do you believe to be your nominee's "star" qualities? Provide examples of how your nominee demonstrates these qualities in their work and service.

In addition to providing health care to New Jersey residents, CompleteCare has been working with migrant and seasonal agricultural workers on health initiatives by hosting numerous testing and vaccination events at farms and in rural areas. CompleteCare has closely watched the pandemic and its impact on the communities. This has helped CompleteCare take steps to reduce the impact on their health centers and patients.

CompleteCare not only cares about communities in need, but also school systems. CompleteCare organizes school supply drives to help students overcome financial burdens.

One of CompleteCare's initiatives is the Baby Love Program. This program was created to help mothers in Cumberland, Cape May and Gloucester counties who experienced the highest rate of babies born at a low birth weight. Because of the impact on low birth weight, Baby Loves works to get moms-to-be into prenatal care early and encourages them to stay on top of doctor appointments and tests by offering incentives at every visit. Baby Loves also provides tailored health education to moms to increase the likelihood of a healthy birth outcome.



CompleteCare has also participated in Give Kids a Smile events. This event features dental screening for children 2-18 as well as dental education materials and giveaways. The purpose of this event is to raise awareness of the need for dental care in children, starting from a very young age.

CompleteCare leads many health programs, such as primary medical, mental health, HIV services, specialists and pharmacy programs among others. We are proud to nominate CompleteCare, a leader in innovative health care, for the NOSORH award.

The 2021 Community Star Selection Committee will review and evaluate nominations, making recommendations for which stories to include in this year's book and other NRHD activities based on the following merits. Please review these and select all that apply to your nominee.

Cultivates a vital, innovative rural health landscape and infrastructure. ,
Develops leadership capacity to grow rural population health and health equity. , Builds capacity for rural data-driven program planning and decision making. , Contributes to rural health innovation, education, collaboration, and communication.

Describe in as much detail as possible, examples of your nominee's work and accomplishments that correspond with your selections to the question above.

CompleteCare has been successful with the distribution of COVID-19 vaccinations to migrants working at local farms and factories, ensuring they get the best healthcare possible. CompleteCare has working for many years cultivating its target populations to make sure they live a healthy life.

CompleteCare conducted outreach in order to vaccinate as many farm workers as possible. They emailed and sent letters to 300 agriculture



industries in their service area. Thankfully, most farmers and workers were eager to receive vaccinations against the coronavirus that crippled our economy and left hundreds of thousands of deaths in the United States. CompleteCare also provided PPE, hand sanitizer and masks and educated migrant workers to make sure they were protected from the virus.

CompleteCare also fosters relationships with entities such as Department of Labor, Department of Agriculture, schools, churches, housing and business complexes. their comprehensive healthcare program is targeted at financially disadvantage and vulnerable populations, including undocumented migrant and seasonal farm workers with the purpose of reducing health disparities and achieve health equity. CompleteCare offers a host of healthcare services such as dental, pediatric, chiropractic, pharmacy, lab services, general medicine, mental health and gynecological.

CompleteCare works hard on innovation, collaboration and communication. For example, they took over the Halloween Bone Run after the 15-year-old event was run by the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. The race attracted over 300 participants with 224 runners and 95 walkers completing the 5k race or 1-mile walk. The race was highlighted by a visit from the Philly Phantic, as well as a Health Fair featuring local health and community organization. The Halloween Bone Run proceeds from the event helped support the many important programs and services CompleteCare provides such as Baby Love, a program for expectant moms, Reach Out & Read, which promotes childhood literacy, Health Solutions, which provides dental visits for children.

CompleteCare will continue to be a leader in healthcare in New Jersey. The New Jersey Department of Health is excited to nominate them for the 2021 Community Starts Award.



I can confirm that the individual or organization is making a difference in rural through collaboration, education, innovation, and communication, and is located, working, or volunteering in a designated rural area.

Yes

I can confirm that I have notified the nominee of their nomination, and the nomination will be accepted.

Yes

How did you learn about the 2021 Community Star Recognition Program?

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Communication with our Office of Primary Care and Rural Health

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