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HUMAN SERVICES CAMPUS HOSTS 2-MILE “AWARENESS WALK TO END HOMELESSNESS, SATURDAY, MARCH 16; PARTICIPATION IS FREE

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Jan. 30, 2019): The Human Services Campus (HSC), a 13-acre collaborative of 20 nonprofit agencies providing services to men and women experiencing homelessness, will host the inaugural ***Awareness Walk to End Homelessness***, a 2-mile walk to bring awareness to the issue and the campus on Saturday, March 16 beginning and ending at the Campus at 9th Avenue and Madison.

Participants can enter the staging area at 15th Avenue and Harrison St. The ***Awareness Walk to End Homelessness*** is sponsored by Serafina Coffee Roasters. Additional sponsorship opportunities are available by calling HSC Development Director Steve Davis at (602) 229-5155.

There is no fee to participate, but online registration is encouraged at www.tinyurl.com/hscphx. A limited number of t-shirts will be given away. Donations are appreciated, but not expected.

On-site registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with the walk getting underway at 8 a.m. to be followed by post-walk activities from 9-10 a.m.

Walkers will exit the Campus and travel along a route heading east on W. Jackson St., north on 9th Avenue and east on W. Jefferson St to 3rd Ave., north to W. Washington St., west along W. Washington St. past the Arizona State Courts building, east on W. Jefferson to 17th Ave. and back to the starting point.

“The Human Services Campus opened in 2005 as a compassionate response to a community problem as well as an economic response to an increase in homelessness in the downtown Phoenix area,” said HSC Executive

Director Amy Schwabenlender. “We want the community to see first hand and understand how the Human Services Campus and our 20 collaborating nonprofit agencies are addressing the ongoing challenge of homelessness. The 2018 Point in Time Count showed that approximately 6,000 homeless men, women and children live in shelters, cars, unsafe buildings or on the streets in Maricopa County every day.”

Of the nearly 7,000 unduplicated homeless individuals who visited the Brian Garcia Welcome Center at the Human Services Campus this past year, more than half initiated a strategy to achieve self-sufficiency. Since 2005, thousands of men and women have received shelter services and moved to transitional or permanent housing. Over 5,000 homeless U.S. veterans have been served and connected to resources designed to end their homelessness.

HSC works closely with the Phoenix Police Department, which has reported a significant reduction in crime in the neighborhood immediately surrounding the campus as a result of the collaborative services being used to end people’s homelessness.

For more information, visit www.hsc-az.org.

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ABOUT THE HUMAN SERVICES CAMPUS: Founded in 2005, The Human Services Campus is a collaborative force of partner organizations united on one campus to end homelessness. Located just west of downtown Phoenix, nearly 20 independent agencies on the Campus see nearly 1,000 individuals every day, offering a holistic range of client services including: reunification with family and friends; mental, physical and dental health; shelter; employment; meals; legal services and housing. Having all of these resources in one location with intra-agency communications makes it more feasible to provide a customized engagement for each client to help end their homelessness. For more information, visit www.hsc-az.org.

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