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**PARTNERSHIP FOR BETTER HEALTH TO RECEIVE SAFE HARBOUR'S
LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE AWARD**

The Partnership for Better Health has been selected to receive Safe Harbour's 2018 Leadership Through Service Award. The award will be presented to the organization during Safe Harbour's "Night Without A Tux" fundraising gala on Saturday, Feb. 24.

The Leadership Through Service Award was established by Safe Harbour's Board of Directors to recognize outstanding and dynamic leadership through service to the citizens and the communities of Cumberland County. The award is presented to individuals or organizations that exhibit excellence in leadership that, by example and effort, provides programs, funding and services to support initiatives and organizations that work to improve the lives of Cumberland County residents in need of assistance.

The Partnership for Better Health is a nonprofit community foundation that works with key stakeholders throughout parts of Cumberland, Perry, Adams and Franklin Counties to improve the health of the people and communities in our region. The organization serves as a catalyst, advocate and collaborator to ensure that everyone has what they need for good health.

The Partnership strategically makes more than \$2 million in grants a year to build healthy communities, ensure equitable access to health services, and strengthen the capacity of partnering organizations. The Partnership strives to maximize its impact and reach through community investment, advocacy, engagement, good stewardship and nonprofit training. Since its founding in 2001, the Partnership has awarded more than \$36 million in grants to organizations throughout the region.

Recently, the Partnership launched a dynamic new strategic plan that calls for greater collaboration among community partners to develop more effective, innovative solutions to tough social problems. Informed by feedback from local surveys and interviews, the plan pushes beyond traditional health strategies to address the root issues of poor health for the community's most vulnerable residents. One of the social issues the Partnership is working to understand and assist with is the chronic shortage of affordable housing. Teaming up with area housing organizations to strengthen the capacity and responsiveness of local housing systems, the Partnership aims to support systemic changes to the housing community that will assist those in need for many years to come.

"The Partnership for Better Health has provided, and is committed to delivering, thoughtful and sustainable problem-solving throughout Cumberland County and across southcentral Pennsylvania," said Troy Truax, Chair of Safe Harbour's Board of Directors. "Through its significant efforts to assist those in need, the Partnership has demonstrated the values that we recognize with the Leadership Through Service Award."

Scott Shewell, President and CEO of Safe Harbour said, "Over the years, the Partnership has been an outstanding supporter of Safe Harbour. With its generous grantmaking and considerable expertise, the Partnership also has been a valuable advocate for many community organizations and groups. This award recognizes all of the organization's hard work and effective sponsorship in making Cumberland County and the entire region a better place for all residents."

"We're truly humbled by the award and recognize that Safe Harbor plays a pivotal role in supporting the health of our most vulnerable community members," said Becca Raley, Executive Director of the Partnership for Better Health. "The pathway to affordable housing is a foundation for good health, and our community needs much more of it."

The "Night Without A Tux" gala raises funds to support Safe Harbour's mission of providing housing and supportive services for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families to help them achieve independent living by increasing their basic life skills. The event also features dinner, music and dancing with Jazz Me, and a Silent Auction.

Safe Harbour provides a continuum of housing services for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families. Safe Harbour's services include operating an emergency shelter for families and single females who are in desperate need of a secure place to live and an environment to begin getting their lives under control; bridge housing that helps individuals and families in need of longer-term assistance to continue acquiring the skills necessary for independent living and a productive life style; and single-room-occupancy (SRO) permanent housing facilities that offer housing opportunities to single individuals who are ready for independent living, but need additional "life support."

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