



FOUNDER OF MISSION OF MERCY HAILED AS NATIONAL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT FINALIST

Frederick, MD (Sept. 12, 2011) – Dr. Gianna Talone-Sullivan, Foundress of Mission of Mercy, was nominated as a 2011 Lifetime Achievement finalist at the second annual Next-Generation Pharmacist awards, a national event sponsored by Pharmacy Times and held at the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library in Boston, Mass. on Aug. 29. This nomination is a tremendous honor that highlights Talone-Sullivan’s dedication to the pharmacy industry.

A panel of judges, chaired by Pharmacy Times’ Editor-in-Chief, Fred M. Eckel, RPh, MS, evaluated candidates against the highest standards of the pharmacy profession, including customer service and patient care, as well as how each nominee is contributing to the pharmacy profession as a whole.

The Next-Generation Pharmacist awards honored pharmacy professionals in 10 additional categories, selected from nearly 350 nominations received from 40 states and Guam. Talone-Sullivan, who was nominated for the first time this year, is in the esteemed company of award winner Maj. Jeffery Neigh, Deputy Chief, Eisenhower Army Medical Center Department of Pharmacy.

“It is an honor to have been named as one of four finalists for the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award by my peers in the pharmacy industry,” says Talone-Sullivan. “The outstanding qualifications of the nominees speak well for the future of the pharmacy profession. My nomination is really the result of all the Mission of Mercy volunteers, benefactors, staff and the countless community partners and members of our Leadership Councils and Board of Directors. In their service at Mission of Mercy, each has given without the expectation of consolation, and this is the ultimate gift. Thank you all for your unconditional love and your selflessness in serving the less fortunate with ‘healing through Love.’ I am blessed that God has gifted me with the great joy of your friendship. This honor belongs to you all!”

Talone-Sullivan started her career as vice president of Pharmacy Services for United Health Care/Physician’s Health Plan in Arizona. She worked with PCS Health Systems to institute a National Drug Formulary and managed a National Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee composed of nationally recognized practitioners.

In 1991, she founded Mission of Mercy, a Frederick-based nonprofit organization that provides free health care, medications and dental care to uninsured and underinsured people. Started in Arizona, the organization now has expanded to Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Texas. Using recreational vehicles that are outfitted as mobile medical clinics, Mission of Mercy has volunteers from multiple health care professions. The organization has grown from six volunteers to more than 640 staff and volunteers.

Mission of Mercy clinics serve up to 150 patients and dispense more than 300 medications per day. Talone-Sullivan capitalizes on indigent pharmacy programs in cooperation with pharmaceutical companies so Mission of Mercy can offer the latest pharmacologic therapies. Since its inception, Mission of Mercy has completed a total of more than 280,000 patient visits, dispensed more than 520,000 free prescription medications, and provided more than 55,000 free dental procedures.

Talone-Sullivan does not take a salary from Mission of Mercy, choosing to work as a part-time community pharmacist. For information about Mission of Mercy, please visit www.aMissionOfMercy.org , or follow on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) .

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