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**Amirah, Inc. and Health Care Without Walls, Inc. Receive
The Boston Club's Advancement Award**

Two Boston-based organizations honored for their work with girls and women

BOSTON, May 5... Amirah, Inc. and Health Care Without Walls, Inc. are the recipients of The Boston Club's 2021 Advancement Award, given annually to an organization that demonstrates a commitment to improving the lives of girls and women. Stephanie Clark, CEO of Amirah, and Dr. Roseanna Means, Founder of Health Care Without Walls, will accept the awards today at The Boston Club's Community Salute, an annual event that recognizes the leadership and collective volunteer contributions of women to nonprofit and public organizations.

Amirah was founded in 2011 by a group of individuals seeking to join the anti-sex trafficking movement. Amirah meets the greatest need for survivors in New England, which is aftercare recovery. Of the thousands of individuals trafficked annually in the US, approximately 71% are female, and most victims of sex-trafficking in New England are from the US.

Asa Fanelli, The Boston Club's NonProfit Board Committee Chair, said, "Amirah is offering every woman that comes into their home individualized, trauma-informed, whole-person care. It has one of the highest success rates in New England in working with this population and is accredited by Homeland Security.

"The Advancement Award will provide funding for women who enter into Amirah's safe home program on the North Shore, to help provide health insurance and gain access to medical and mental health services that are vital."

Health Care Without Walls was founded by Dr. Roseanna Means in 1999, to support women experiencing dire poverty, violence, and homelessness. Health Care Without Walls provides free, walk-in care in shelter clinics where its clients feel safe. In 2019, it provided over 7,300 visits of medical care and support services to 1,300 homeless women and children in Boston. During the 2020 pandemic, it continued to serve women by screening guests at Rosie's Place, and in May 2021, will open its first medical clinic in downtown Boston. Approximately 50% of the women they serve are aged 55 and above. Health Care Without Walls has developed two

signature programs to support pregnant/postpartum mothers and the elderly. The two programs, Bridges to Moms and Bridges to Elders, combine immediate health care provided by a Nurse Practitioner with intensive case management provided by a Community Health Worker.

Ms. Fanelli said, “ Health Care Without Walls works to address key social determinants including housing, food, transportation, access to health care, and safety. There is vast evidence supporting the achievement of improved health outcomes and cost-savings when social determinants of health are addressed. The Advancement Award will be used to help fund these programs.”

“The Boston Club is proud to give its Advancement Award to Amirah, Inc. and Health Care Without Walls, Inc.” says Club President, Nancy Nager. “Both of these organizations focus on providing creative programs to support women as they seek to access fundamental healthcare services.”

About The Boston Club

The Boston Club (www.TheBostonClub.com) is an influential community advancing women leaders, offering connection, access, and professional development. Among the Club’s key initiatives are increasing the participation of women on corporate and nonprofit boards; providing topical, provocative programs; and conducting research on issues affecting women in business. Founded in 1976, The Boston Club is New England’s largest organization of senior executive and professional women.

About Amirah, Inc.

Amirah exists to provide aftercare, resources, and opportunities to women who have survived different forms of sexual exploitation, sex trafficking, and prostitution. They do this by offering residential recovery opportunities, organizing outreach efforts, and educating communities, providers, and policy makers on the unique challenges victims and survivors face in the Northeastern United States. Amirah is the first aftercare service in New England to duplicate its residential programming for survivors. [Find out more about Amirah's impact here.](#)

About Health Care Without Walls, Inc.

Founded in 1999, Health Care Without Walls (HCWW) is a non-profit dedicated to providing free, compassionate, comprehensive, and gender-specific medical care, education, and advocacy to homeless women and children in Greater Boston. HCWW breaks down the access barriers for women experiencing poverty and homelessness. With a paid nursing staff and community health workers, HCWW is able to provide critical care every day to women who are poor and rely on Boston area shelters, giving thousands of women and children the means to move forward to better health, longer lives, a sense of purpose, and improved self-worth. Find out more at www.healthcarewithoutwalls.org.

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