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Two Prominent Massachusetts Organizations Bestow Awards on Pathways to Wellness, a Non-profit Provider of Holistic Health Services

BOSTON – Pathways to Wellness, a Boston-based provider of holistic health services, was a recent recipient of the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers' 2004 Peer Provider Award. The organization also received the Greater Boston Business Council's (GBBC) 2004 Award for Excellence.

Peer Provider Award candidates are nominated by the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers membership, a statewide association of private, community-based care-giving organizations that provide educational, health and social services. Hosted by CBS-4 News anchor, Lisa Hughes, the 2004 Peer Provider Awards ceremony was held during the organizations' 29th annual Conference and Expo at the Sheraton Boston hotel.

The GBBC, a business and professional organization serving the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender (GLBT) community held its 11th annual Awards for Excellence at the Westin Copley Plaza. Hosted by WHDH-TV news anchor Randy Price, the Awards for Excellence honor both businesses that reach out to the GLBT community and advocacy organizations that work on behalf of their causes.

"It's both rewarding and humbling to be recognized by our peers and to be among a group of other organizations that we have so much respect for. We are also extremely pleased that the efforts of our committed, hard-working staff have been acknowledged," commented Kristen Porter, Executive Director of Pathways to Wellness. "Pathways to Wellness has been providing high quality, affordable holistic medicine in Back Bay for fifteen years.

Pathways has received national and international interest as a successful model of care, so it is only fitting that Pathways has finally been recognized locally as an unsung hero.”

About Pathways to Wellness

Celebrating 15 years, Pathways to Wellness is a nonprofit organization dedicated to providing equal access to high quality holistic therapies including acupuncture, shiatsu massage, Chinese herbal medicine, and yoga.

Open to all people needing care, Pathways to Wellness is one of the country’s largest providers of free and low-cost holistic medicine. Pathways practitioners specialize in chronic and life threatening illness, and work collaboratively in a team environment and in conjunction with Western medical professionals to offer an integrated approach to care.

Facing cuts in both federal and local aid, Pathways to Wellness responded by developing its unique *Share the Care* program. Through this program, those who pay full-price for treatments enable someone less fortunate to receive low-cost or free care thus allowing Pathways to continue to offer services to all those in need.

Located at 142 Berkeley Street, 2nd Floor, Boston, MA 02116, Pathways to Wellness can be reached at 617-859-3036 or kporter@pathwaysboston.org. Additional information on Pathways to Wellness’ services can be found on its web site at www.pathwaysboston.org

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