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LOCAL PROGRAM RECEIVES NATIONAL AWARD RECOGNITION

Richmond, Va.— On Nov. 19, 2007 Rx Partnership (RxP), an organization that provides free medication for free clinics and community health centers throughout Virginia, was awarded the \$7,500 first runner-up prize (out of 343 applicants) for the national 2007 Peter F. Drucker Award for Nonprofit Innovation. The Award has been given annually since 1991 to recognize innovative, existing programs that have made a real difference in the lives of the people they serve.

Rx Partnership, a nonprofit based out of Richmond, Va., arranges for the distribution of free bulk prescription medication to free clinics and community health centers throughout Virginia for the benefit of uninsured individuals. Since its inception in 2004, RxP has successfully arranged for the distribution of almost \$15 million retail value of medication to free clinics.

“The Rx Partnership Affiliate Free Clinics and Community Health Centers provide such vital support to thousands of hard-working, uninsured Virginians. RxP is proud to be able to provide much needed prescription medication – a key tool to achieving positive health outcomes – using an innovative approach that is now receiving nationwide attention thanks to the 2007 Drucker Innovation Award,” said Amy Yarcich, Executive Director of RxP.

Winners of the award were honored in New York City at a gala dinner hosted by the Leader to Leader Institute and received the award from Dean Ira Jackson of the Drucker Graduate School of Management and Frances Hesselbein, former CEO of the Girl Scouts of the USA and recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom, America’s highest civilian honor. The dinner was preceded by an all-day conference, “Creating the Future of Nonprofits: Opportunity and Innovation in the Social Sector.”

“Rx Partnership has achieved so much in just three years and this 2007 Drucker Innovation Award provides a level of recognition that will help the organization to achieve even greater success in the years ahead,” said Beth Bortz, President and founding member of the RxP Board of Trustees.

Rx Partnership takes a unique approach to accessing medication for the uninsured. The organization serves as a broker, obtaining free bulk prescription medication from pharmaceutical companies, and then arranging for its distribution to 20 affiliated free clinics throughout Virginia. This allows free clinic pharmacies to have key medications immediately available for patients, instead of using the traditional individual patient assistance programs where each individual medication must be requested on a patient-by-patient basis and the waiting period to receive a prescription can take anywhere from 6 to 12 weeks. RxP currently receives medications from four pharmaceutical companies: GlaxoSmithKline, Merck, Novartis and Abbott. Fifty-four drugs are offered, treating both acute and chronic illnesses such as diabetes, hypertension, asthma, allergies and depression.

First prize for the Drucker Award went to the “Made in NY” Production Assistant Training Program, which enables unemployed and low-income New Yorkers to start careers in the TV and film industry and the third-place award went to DIGNITY, a comprehensive program operated through Catholic Charities Community Services in Phoenix, Ariz. that helps women involved in prostitution break away from this destructive lifestyle.

Rx Partnership is an innovative public/private partnership to increase access to free prescription medications for Virginia’s eligible uninsured. The program solicits free medication from pharmaceutical companies, and then arranges for their distribution directly to Affiliate free clinics and federally qualified health centers throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia, resulting in significantly more drugs getting to the people who need them, but cannot afford them. For more information about RxP, contact Jenna Clarke at Jclarke@RxPartnership.org or visit RxP’s website at www.RxPartnership.org.

Participating Affiliate Clinics include:

- Arlington Free Clinic, Arlington
- Augusta Regional Free Clinic, Fishersville
- Beach Health Clinic, Virginia Beach
- Bedford Christian Free Clinic, Bedford
- Bradley Free Clinic, Roanoke
- Brock Hughes Free Clinic, Wytheville
- CrossOver Health Ministry, Richmond
- Charlottesville Free Clinic, Charlottesville
- Free Clinic of Central Virginia, Lynchburg
- Free Clinic of Culpeper, Culpeper
- Free Clinic of Franklin County, Rocky Mount
- Gloucester Mathews Free Clinic, Hayes
- Lackey Free Family Medicine Clinic, Yorktown
- Lloyd F. Moss Free Clinic, Fredericksburg
- Free Clinic of the New River Valley, Christiansburg
- Northern Neck Free Health Clinic, Kilmarnock
- NovaScripts Central, Woodbridge
- Pharmacy Care of Hampton Roads, Newport News
- Rockbridge Area Free Clinic, Lexington
- Tri-Area Health Clinic, Laurel Fork

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