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Distinguished Service Award to be presented at Manet Community Health Center's May 12 Spring Celebration & Auction

(April 22, 2016) *North Quincy, MA* -- The Manet Community Health Center Board of Directors will present the Barbara A. Morris Award for Distinguished Service to one of its founding employees, Kathleen Sullivan, of Milton, at the health center's Spring Celebration & Auction on Thursday, May 12 at Granite Links Golf Club in Quincy.

This award, named for Manet Board member Barbara A. Morris, of Quincy, honors an individual(s) who has demonstrated great personal and professional commitment to Manet Community Health Center and the community, and who has had a profound influence on Manet's direction and progress. Joseph M. Reardon, President of the Manet Board, and Cynthia Sierra, Chief Executive Officer, will present the award to Sullivan, who has been on staff at Manet since its inception in 1979.

"No one board member or volunteer has given more in service to Manet's mission and to its patients than Barbara Morris," explains Reardon. "Similarly, no one employee has given more of herself to Manet than Kathy Sullivan. This award is a testament to her extraordinary commitment not just to Manet but to the people of Manet - fellow employees and patients alike."

"Kathy is a staff favorite, always providing a gentle ear, reassurance and assistance, but where she shines brightest is in her care and concerns for our patients," says Sierra. "Kathy exemplifies the highest standards of service. Her career has been dedicated to the foundation, sustenance and growth of Manet. It is truly on Kathy's shoulders we stand."

This is the fourth consecutive year the Barbara A. Morris Award will be presented to an employee or an employee group. Past recipients include Andree Caldwell, 2013; Cynthia Sierra,

2014; and Dr. Lily Yung and her practice team of Karla Talledo, MD, Vikram Butani, MD, Tamar Siracusa, MSN, ANP-BC, WHNP-BC, Jenny Ou, RN, Celeste Le, RN, Hue Cam Diep, Laura Segalla, RN, Jennifer Hanlon, Xingci He, and Sugeily Figueroa, 2015. The award is presented during Manet's Annual Spring Celebration & Auction on May 12 at Granite Links Golf Club. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities for the event, which runs from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., are still available. Single tickets are \$125 each.

All proceeds from the event will help advance Manet's programs for patients and families along the South Shore. The evening features a Silent Auction that includes a variety of items and experiences for all tastes, including a staff-led tour of White House from Congressman Stephen Lynch's office; a two-night stay for four at the Eastern Slope Inn at Attitash Mountain Village with four unlimited tickets to the Mountain Adventure Park at Cranmore Mountain; a dazzling amethyst pendant necklace; Red Sox tickets and more! In addition, a raffle with exceptional themed baskets will ensure all attendees have a chance to take home something special.

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About Manet Community Health Center:

Manet Community Health Center is a not-for-profit health and social services provider that exists to be your partner for a healthier life. Founded in 1979, Manet serves the broad health needs of South Shore residents with five locations in Quincy, Hull and Taunton. Manet is accredited by The Joint Commission and its Diabetes Program is accredited by the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

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