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Alley's House is 2014 Recipient of Pam Blumenthal Community Service Award

Dallas, TX, May 19, 2014 - Alley's House is pleased to receive the Dallas Psychological Association (DPA) Pam Blumenthal Community Service Award. The award, founded in 1991, recognizes individuals and organizations providing outstanding support to the community. It is given in recognition to those who are dedicated to the welfare of children, families, or the community as a whole, with emphasis on those whose work is directed towards an underserved population.

"Given that Alley's House works with teen mothers in an effort to improve the outcome for them and their children through support, education and mentoring of this most vulnerable population, it is truly fitting that Alley's House be recognized with this year's Pam Blumenthal Award for community service" stated Neil F. Ravella, Ph.D and President of Dallas Psychological Association.

Alley's House was nominated by several local psychologists including Tim F. Branaman, Ph.D who stated, "I believe Alley's House supports psychological resiliency while encouraging personal growth and independence. I am impressed with the staff's commitment to working with young mothers and the program's ability to do so within its limited resources."

Alley's House, the 2014 award recipient, vision is to break the generational, economic and social impact of teen pregnancy in the community and provide opportunities for girls to continue their education and find fulfilling careers that will enable them to support their family. The agency accomplishes its mission and vision by providing in-depth programs and services that are proven to help these young women realize their potential and break free from an often ensnaring cycle of poverty.

"Alley's House is thrilled to receive the Pam Blumenthal Community Service Award. We are honored to be recognized for our work empowering teen mothers and their children," stated Rachel Branaman, Executive Director of Alley's House. "Encouragement, positive influences, and support systems are missing from many of our moms' homes. Alley's House provides counseling, mentoring, personalized case management, and relationship curriculum to help our moms develop into healthy and happy adults, therefore providing safe environments for their children."

For the past 17 years, Alley's House has provided guidance and support to more than 900 young women through its mission to empower them and their children to achieve independence through case management, education, and mentorship. Alley's House clients range in age from 13 to 21 and the agency anticipates serving 150 young moms and their children in 2014.

To learn more about Alley's House visit www.alleyshouse.org or call 214-824-8700. To learn more about DPA visit www.dpadallas.org.

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