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The City of Rancho Cucamonga Selected as Finalist for RWJF Culture of Health Prize

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Rancho Cucamonga, California – Rancho Cucamonga was chosen as a finalist for the fourth annual RWJF Culture of Health Prize given by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. As a finalist, Rancho Cucamonga is one step closer to the national Prize which honors communities that place a high priority on health and bring partners together to drive local change. Selected from nearly 200 communities across the country, Rancho Cucamonga joins 15 other finalist communities. The City of Rancho Cucamonga will host site visitors for two days sometime between April and June 2016. Winners will be announced in September 2016.

"It truly takes a community to build a culture of health and we are proud that the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has recognized us for our efforts," said Mayor L. Dennis Michael. "The City of Rancho Cucamonga's approach is built on mutual understanding and respect and on a commitment to work collaboratively to make good health accessible to everyone."

The Prize is guided by the principle that every community has the potential to improve and be a healthier place to live. To earn finalist status, Rancho Cucamonga had to demonstrate how it excelled in the six Prize criteria:

- Defining health in the broadest possible terms.
- Committing to sustainable systems changes and policy-oriented long-term solutions.
- Cultivating a shared and deeply-held belief in the importance of equal opportunity for health.
- Harnessing the collective power of leaders, partners, and community members.
- Securing and making the most of available resources.
- Measuring and sharing progress and results.

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"The RWJF Culture of Health Prize finalist communities are working together to put good health within everyone's reach," said Risa Lavizzo-Mourey, RWJF president and CEO. "We look forward to learning more from these 16 finalist communities about how they are working across multiple fronts to help people thrive." If selected as a Prize winner, Rancho Cucamonga will be given a \$25,000 cash prize and an opportunity to share their story and lessons learned with the nation. To learn about the work of the 20 previous Prize winners, visit www.rwjf.org/prize.

The City of Rancho Cucamonga is a forward-looking, progressive organization, dedicated to the delivery of superior service to all those who live, work and play in our community. One of the safest cities in the country, our community is a highly desirable place to live, work, and play. Situated at the base of the picturesque San Gabriel Mountains, Rancho Cucamonga is home to almost 175,000 people.

Healthy RC is the City's award-winning health initiative recognized nationally for its strategies and commitment to improving access to healthy, affordable food and increasing opportunities for physical activity. To learn more about the City of Rancho Cucamonga please visit CityofRC.us, and Healthy RC please visit www.HealthyRC.com.

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