

Mutual of America Recognizes Innovative Vocational Training Program at MedWish

Merit Finalist Prize of \$20,000 Awarded to MedWish in Community Partnership Award Program

Cleveland, Ohio – The Mutual of America Foundation today announced a prize of \$20,000 to MedWish International as a Merit Finalist in its 2012 Community Partnership Award Competition.

“The Building Careers program has flourished over the past few years because it addresses a major deficit in our community—workforce development for people with special needs—while becoming an essential component of MedWish’s efforts as a leader for international humanitarian aid,” said MedWish Executive Director Josh Kravitz. “We are grateful to the Mutual of America Foundation for recognizing the importance of Building Careers. We look forward to continuing to support people of all abilities and walks of life in their path to employment through this generous gift.”

The award was announced at a special recognition luncheon held on Wednesday, March 20 at the Marriott Cleveland Downtown. Mutual of America representatives lauded the contributions of individuals and organizations who have played a key role in the success of the Building Careers program, which facilitates vocational training for 70 local youth and adults with autism, intellectual and physical disabilities or other barriers to employment.

The Mutual of America Foundation recognized Vocational Guidance Services, the Cleveland Clinic Center for Autism, the Cuyahoga County Board of Developmental Disabilities and the Mt. Sinai Foundation, along with individuals from MedWish and its partners, for their efforts to empower and encourage people with barriers to employment through the Building Careers program.

About the Mutual of America Community Partnership Award

The Mutual of America Community Partnership Award annually honors the societal contributions of ten nonprofit organizations. The Mutual of America Foundation sponsors a national competition in which hundreds of organizations demonstrate the value of their partnership to the communities they serve, their ability to be replicated by others and their capacity to stimulate new approaches to addressing significant social issues. For more information, please visit www.mutualofamerica.com/about/cpaCompetition.asp

About MedWish International

MedWish International is a Cleveland-based 501(c)3 nonprofit organization that recovers usable medical surplus from health care systems and distributes these vital supplies to doctors, nurses and humanitarians to improve health care around the world. Since its founding in 1993, MedWish has kept millions of pounds of medical surplus out of landfills and has sent much-needed supplies to 90 countries all over the world. For more information about MedWish, please visit www.medwish.org or call (216) 692-1685.