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Community Healthcare Network's President and CEO, Catherine M. Abate, Recognized for Her Continued Dedication to the HIV/AIDS Cause in New York City

New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Awards Individuals and Organizations at 25th Annual World AIDS Day Awards Ceremony

(December 5, New York, NY) – In commemoration of World AIDS Day, the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene recognized Catherine M. Abate, President and CEO of [Community Healthcare Network](http://CommunityHealthcareNetwork.org) (CHN), for her outstanding dedication to the AIDS/HIV cause at the city's 25th Annual World AIDS Day Awards Ceremony on November 30th.

Abate, leader of CHN, the NYC-based nonprofit organization that provides HIV/AIDS services to thousands of New Yorkers each year, was honored by the New York City Mayor's Office, and was selected as one of three recipients to receive the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's prestigious award. The proclamation read:

"For your dedication combating the spread of HIV and your tremendous leadership of Community Healthcare Network. Your efforts to provide high-quality care and support to those living with HIV have made a significant difference in the lives of many New Yorkers, and we commend you on your outstanding commitment to improving their health and well-being."

Held at Borough Hall in Brooklyn, attendees included New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Commissioner, Dr. Thomas Farley, New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene's Assistant Commissioner for HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control, Dr. Monica Sweeney, Brooklyn Borough President, Marty Markowitz, and Deputy Borough President, Sandra Chapman.

About Community Healthcare Network's HIV/AIDS Program

Since HIV first appeared in New York City, CHN has been involved in planning, developing, and providing HIV/AIDS services to thousands of New Yorkers, regardless of their ability to pay. CHN was the first healthcare organization in the country to provide HIV testing via mobile van. In 2011 alone, the organization conducted over 20,000 HIV/AIDS tests and taught nearly 2,000 teens about safe sex, STDs and HIV/AIDS prevention through its Community Health Centers and several New York City public schools and after school programs. CHN also provides a continuum of medical, supportive and educational services for patients who've been infected with the disease.

About Community Healthcare Network

[Community Healthcare Network](http://CommunityHealthcareNetwork.org) (CHN) is a not-for-profit organization providing access to affordable, culturally-competent and comprehensive community-based primary care, mental health and social services for diverse populations in underserved communities throughout New York City. CHN serves more than 75,000 individuals a year who would otherwise have little or no access to critical health care. CHN is composed of eleven Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and NCQA designated Level 3 Patient Centered Medical Homes (PCMH), a school-based dental clinic and a mobile health unit. To learn more about CHN visit our website at www.chnnyc.org or follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/CommunityHealthcareNetwork) and [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/CommunityHealthcareNetwork).

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