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Project PLASE Receives Community Partner Award for Civic Engagement

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Baltimore, MD (April 9, 2011)- Project PLASE is the proud recipient of the Inaugural Community Partner Award for Civic Engagement. This award was presented at the Service Learning and Civic Engagement Conference, a multi-school conference which brought together students, faculty, and community partners on the topic of service learning initiatives in higher education. The awards ceremony, held at Stevenson University, followed a compact day of panels, roundtable discussions, and workshops on civic engagement. Project PLASE received a donation of \$400 along with the honor, which was sponsored by the Brotman Financial Group.

Project PLASE received unanimous votes from the awards committee for this honor. Our nominator, Katelyn Victor from Towson University, was impressed by Project PLASE's One Night Without A Home event, which was our largest community outreach event on a college campus. This homelessness awareness raising event brought together over 80 individuals to rally around the issue of inadequate affordable housing, the stigma of our homeless neighbors, and how students can make a difference. Project PLASE was also recognized for community outreach initiatives including our speakers' bureau, tabling events, and partnerships with institutions of higher learning.

"I am very proud of Project PLASE for receiving this award. We work hard to engage the community in our organization and on the issue of homelessness in our community, and this honor was a testament that we have been successful in our efforts on college campuses" said Lauren Stoler, PLASE's AmeriCorps VISTA Community Projects Coordinator.

Project PLASE, Inc. addresses homelessness by providing transitional housing, permanent housing, and supportive services to homeless adults and families. We serve the most vulnerable and underserved, including persons with mental illness, HIV/AIDS, addiction, developmental disabilities, ex-offenders, etc. We treat, restore and rehabilitate the whole person. We empower each individual to function at the highest level possible. Our vision is to eliminate homelessness.

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