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MIKE McQUAID I AM HOME BREAKFAST CELEBRATING SUCCESSFUL JOURNEYS FROM STREET TO HOME IS FRIDAY, DEC. 17

Beus Gilbert McGroder Attorney Paul Gilbert to Be Honored

PHOENIX, Ariz. (Dec. 3, 2021): The annual **Mike McQuaid I Am Home Breakfast**, which recognizes and celebrates the collective work of 16 nonprofit agencies at the Human Services Campus (HSC) for creating successful journeys *From Street to Home*, is scheduled on Friday, Dec. 17 in the McArthur Ballroom at the Arizona Biltmore, 2400 E. Missouri Ave. in Phoenix.

The event, which begins at 7:30 a.m. and also can be viewed virtually, is free. To register, visit www.iamhomebreakfast.org.

Presented by Avondale Toyota, the fund-raising celebration is named in honor of tireless homeless advocate Mike McQuaid, one of the founders of the Human Services Campus. McQuaid passed away in 2020 from COVID-19.

Proceeds will support HSC's mission as a collaborative force of the 16 partner organizations on the campus near downtown Phoenix to end homelessness.

The Mike McQuaid I Am Home Breakfast will feature, among other activities, stories from formerly homeless individuals who are now living successful independent lives and a special recognition presentation to attorney Paul Gilbert of Beus Gilbert McGroder.

Gilbert was instrumental in guiding HSC through the formal Phoenix City Council zoning-change process that resulted in approval for an additional 275 shelter beds at Central Arizona Shelter Services (CASS) for people experiencing homelessness. The two-year process also gained approval for 200 emergency beds for use during extreme weather. Gilbert donated his time.

"We can never truly express our gratitude and appreciation for the time, leadership and guidance Paul provided in our effort to add shelter beds," said HSC Executive Director Amy Schwabenlender. "Like so many of us, Paul also was inspired by the passion and commitment Mike McQuaid brought to the ongoing critically important effort to move individuals experiencing homelessness from street to home."

Now celebrating its 16th anniversary, last year, HSC served more than 12,000 unduplicated adults, reuniting them with friends and family if possible, addressing their needs and helping to move individuals experiencing homelessness into permanent housing.

McQuaid was a successful businessman, longtime community philanthropist and one of the driving forces behind the creation of the Human Services Campus. He first became active in addressing homelessness after volunteering at the nonprofit Andre House in 1987. Among his many accolades and awards was as the recipient of the first Piper Trust Encore Career Prize in 2013.

For more information, visit www.hsc-az.org.

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ABOUT THE HUMAN SERVICES CAMPUS: Founded in 2005, The Human Services Campus is a collaborative force of partner organizations united on one campus to end homelessness. Located just west of downtown Phoenix, nearly 20 independent agencies on the Campus see nearly 800 individuals every day, offering a holistic range of client services including: reunification with family and friends; mental, physical and dental health; shelter; employment; meals; legal services and housing. Having all of these resources in one location with intra-agency communications makes it more feasible to provide a customized engagement for each client to help end their homelessness. For more information, visit www.hsc-az.org.

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