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## **Road To Responsibility Named Finalist for 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual South Shore Community Partners in Prevention Health Literacy Award**

PLYMOUTH and MARSHFIELD, MA, ISSUED JULY 1, 2019...Road To Responsibility (RTR; <http://roadtoresponsibility.org>), one of the region's largest and most successful non-profit organizations, was recently named a finalist for the South Shore Community Partners in Prevention (SSCPP) 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Health Literacy Award.

SSCPP established the Health Literacy Awards last year to honor individuals and organizations who are making outstanding contributions to health literacy, improved health communications, and/or Increased awareness of health information in our region. Additional finalists included Bay State Community Services, Plymouth NAMI, To the Moon and Back, Carver Cares, and Pembroke Titans against Drugs/Pembroke School Nurses.

The SSCPP Health Literacy Award winner, To the Moon and Back, an advocacy organization founded by Theresa Harmon dedicated to supporting children born substance exposed and their caregivers, was named at a breakfast ceremony on June 14 in Plymouth.

During the event, representatives from each nominee spoke about the organization's programs and projects, how they are serving the community, what inspires them to serve others, and why they think it is important that people get the most up-to-date and accurate health information available. RTR was nominated for its noteworthy work in breaking down social barriers to healthcare access for intellectually and developmentally disabled residents in our community. Christopher White, Ed.D., President and CEO of Road to Responsibility, represented RTR and spoke about their work giving individuals greater agency to advocate for their own health, as well as offering additional services and resources focused on health literacy. Michael Jackman, district director for the office of Congressman Keating, presented White with a citation signed by the Congressman.

"We were honored to be considered by SSCPP for this award, and to be in the company of such meaningful and impactful organizations that are doing so much for our community," said White. "It was a great opportunity to learn more about their important work and talk about ways in which we can all help each other and further this cause."

### **About Road To Responsibility, Inc.**

Celebrating over 30 years of making lives better, Road To Responsibility, Inc. (RTR) was established in 1988 with the overarching belief that individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities deserve to have full, rich, and rewarding lives in the community, and therefore works to provide the means, the opportunity, and the support necessary to allow citizens with disabilities to take their place as productive members of the community. RTR offers residential, work/employment, day habilitation and other day supports to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. RTR supports individuals with very diverse needs, including those with significant challenges who would otherwise go unserved if not for RTR. It succeeds where other organizations often fail, through the use of an integrated clinical behavioral approach. This model has proven successful and yielded positive results for the organization and the individuals served.

Road To Responsibility offers services to almost all the towns and communities throughout the South Shore and South Coast of Massachusetts, operates 48 residences as well as co-operative and supportive living apartments, and manages nine day-service locations that focus on education, employment, and community enrichment. Road To Responsibility's main office is located at 1831 Ocean Street, Marshfield, MA. For more information, please visit [www.roadtoresponsibility.org](http://www.roadtoresponsibility.org).

*Photo: Chris White, CEO of Road To Responsibility, with Michael Jackman, District Director for the office of Congressman Keating.*