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Perspectives, Minnesota's Largest Therapeutic Supportive Housing Program for Women and Children is Named Finalist for a National Grant Award

Voting for the second annual Gerry Rauenhorst Building Community Award is open to the general public April 5th to 15th.

ST. LOUIS PARK, Minn. March 30, 2016 – Since 1976, Perspectives outcome-based programs have helped homeless, recovering women and their children break cycles of addiction, poverty and hopelessness. Perspectives model program has been selected as one of eight finalists for the second annual Gerry Rauenhorst Building Community Award. The award winner will receive a \$63,000 grant from the Opus Foundation®.

For 40 year Perspectives has been attacking some of society's most challenging problems: addiction, chronic homelessness and mental illness for mothers and children, with comprehensive services unlike any in the Midwest. Mothers and children who are accepted into the program move into fully furnished apartments located on our supportive housing campus. During the course of two years, both mother and child are given the opportunity to stabilize and rebuild their lives.

Key to Perspectives' remarkable success is addressing the family's unresolved trauma through a multi-disciplinary team approach that includes case management, clinical staff, including a children's mental health practitioner and year round after school programs taught by licensed teachers. This methodology gives the family the opportunity to heal and return to permanent housing.

Please help us increase our community impact by voting online today: <https://www.opus-group.com/BuildingCommunityAward>. The winner will be announced on April 20.

About Perspectives:

In 1976, a small group of women came together, dedicated to addressing a deadly disease. Their goal was to increase community awareness around the issue of addiction and its systemic consequences on both the family and society. With committed hearts and a defined vision, Perspectives was founded. Forty years later, over 6,000 adults and children in our community have benefited from our programs. Perspectives' mission to empower mothers and rebuild families continues to be the core of their work. To learn more about Perspectives, please visit: <http://perspectives-family.org/> or on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/PerspectivesFamily> or contact Linda Domholt, Direct: 952-405-2529 Mobile: 612.710.6385, ldomholt@perspectives-family.org.

About the Gerry Rauenhorst Building Community Award:

Established to honor Gerry Rauenhorst, philanthropist and founder of The Opus Group®, the Gerry Rauenhorst Building Community Award recognizes Gerry's legacy of giving and commemorates the rich history and tradition that dates back to 1953. In 2016, one nonprofit organization will be awarded \$63,000, recognizing the 63-year tradition. For more information, visit www.opus-group.com and follow @TheOpusGroup on Twitter.

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