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St. Christopher's Inn Awarded Putnam County Service Award

(Garrison, NY—October 6, 2016) The Putnam Community Service Network awarded St. Christopher's Inn the **Norman Vincent Peale Outstanding Service Award** on Wednesday, October 5th at their 31st Annual Awards Breakfast at the Putnam County Golf Course in Mahopac.

The Putnam Community Service Network is an educational program of Cornell Cooperative Extension of Putnam County. Each year they seek to honor individuals who are serving a broad array of programs, projects, and services in Putnam County that make positive contributions to the people of Putnam County or New York State. The Putnam County Community Service Network solicits nominees from the community each year for a variety of awards.

The Award presented to St. Christopher's Inn is in memory of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale (1898-1993) and his wife, Ruth Stafford Peale, who founded Guideposts Magazine – an inspirational publication which was headquartered in Carmel, New York, for over sixty years. As a minister and writer Dr. Peale inspired millions of people through his books and ministry. He wrote, "To be successful is to be helpful, caring and constructive and to make everything you touch a little bit better. The best thing you have to give is yourself." The award was presented by the Honorable James Reitz, Putnam County Drug Treatment Court Team.

"This award is only possible because of the dedicated and caring staff of St. Christopher's Inn," said Fr. Bill. "I do not consider them employees, but rather ministers along with the Friars in carrying out our mission to 'heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.'"

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St. Christopher's Inn, a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Atonement, is a temporary homeless shelter at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, dedicated to the rehabilitation of men in crisis whom we call "Brothers Christopher." The Inn offers a continuum of quality health care services that facilitate physical, emotional, and spiritual healing by providing Chemical Dependency Treatment, Primary Health Care, and Temporary housing. St. Christopher's Inn is also home to St. Anthony's Clinic, an OASAS licensed, CARF accredited substance abuse treatment program with a Day Rehabilitation Program, and a Clinical Module Program. In 2013, St. Christopher's Inn opened Brothers Christopher House in White Plains, its first transitional house.