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**HILTON PRIZE LAUREATES COLLABORATIVE SALUTES FOUNTAIN HOUSE – WINNER OF 2014
CONRAD N. HILTON HUMANITARIAN PRIZE**

Washington, DC, 18 July 2014 — The Laureates Collaborative – the independent alliance of the 18 Laureates of the Hilton Humanitarian Prize – congratulated Fountain House as the 2014 winner of the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize.

In announcing the new Hilton Prize Laureate, the Hilton Foundation described Fountain House as “a pioneering organization that has created a successful model to help those suffering from mental illness to reclaim their lives and realize their potential through work and the support of a caring community.” The Foundation noted that Fountain House’s international program of social relationships and meaningful work “has literally saved thousands of lives over the past 66 years...and is a beacon of hope for those living with mental illness who are too often consigned to lives of homelessness, imprisonment, social stigma and isolation.”

This is the 19th year that the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation has awarded the Prize to an organization that is significantly alleviating human suffering. The Prize of \$1.5 million is the world’s largest humanitarian prize

“The Laureates Collaborative salutes Fountain House as the newest Laureate of the Hilton Humanitarian Prize, and the recognition of its extraordinary work in addressing the needs, rights and potential of those living with mental illness,” said David R. Curry, General Secretary of The Laureates Collaborative.

As a Hilton Prize Laureate, Fountain House also becomes a member of The Laureates Collaborative, the independent alliance of winners of the Hilton Prize. The Laureates Collaborative supports Laureates as they pursue their unique missions, explore new work which can be undertaken together in humanitarian response, human rights, protection, health and sustainable development, and advance the field through knowledge sharing and thought leadership. The Collaborative is active in over 150 countries through the operations of member Laureates.

Curry concluded, “Fountain House – as our 19th member – brings important and unique strengths to The Laureates Collaborative and extends the rich portfolio of Laureate programs and capabilities serving and supporting vulnerable populations worldwide. We welcome Fountain House – its leadership and staff, beneficiaries and stakeholders – to our global community.”

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About the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize: The 2014 Hilton Prize will be presented at the annual Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize Dinner on October 27, 2014 at the Waldorf Astoria in New York City following a one-day Humanitarian Symposium. The symposium gathers policymakers and leaders in the humanitarian field to address the most challenging issues facing the billions of people who make up the world's most vulnerable populations. *Africa: Continent at the Threshold* is the theme this year.

About the Hilton Foundation: The Conrad N. Hilton Foundation was created in 1944 by international business pioneer Conrad N. Hilton, who founded Hilton Hotels and left his fortune to help the world's disadvantaged and vulnerable people. The Foundation currently conducts strategic initiatives in six priority areas: providing safe water, ending chronic homelessness, preventing substance abuse, helping children affected by HIV and AIDS, supporting transition-age youth in foster care, and extending Conrad Hilton's support for the work of Catholic Sisters. In addition, following selection by an independent international jury, the Foundation annually awards the \$1.5 million Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize to a nonprofit organization doing extraordinary work to reduce human suffering. From its inception, the Foundation has awarded more than \$1 billion in grants, distributing \$92 million in the U.S. and around the world in 2013. The Foundation's current assets are approximately \$2.4 billion. For more information, please visit www.hiltonfoundation.org.

About The Laureates Collaborative: The Hilton Prize Laureates Collaborative is an independent organization whose members includes each winner of the Conrad N. Hilton Humanitarian Prize. Members currently include: ECPAT International (Thailand) 2013; Help Age International (United Kingdom) 2012; Handicap International (France), 2011; Aravind Eye Care System (India) 2010; PATH (Washington), 2009; BRAC (Bangladesh), 2008; Tostan (Senegal), 2007; Women for Women International (Washington, DC), 2006; Partners In Health (Massachusetts), 2005; Heifer International (Arkansas), 2004; International Rehabilitation Center for Torture Victims (Denmark), 2003; SOS Children's Villages (Austria), 2002; St. Christopher's Hospice (United Kingdom), 2001; Casa Alianza (Costa Rica), 2000; AMREF Health Africa (Kenya), 1999; Doctors Without Borders (France), 1998; International Rescue Committee (New York), 1997; and Operation Smile (Virginia), 1996.

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