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Mary Jo Potter Receives 2017 Community All-Star Award from Hanna Boys Center

SONOMA, CA — May 9, 2017 — Hanna Boys Center announced that Mary Jo Potter is the 2017 winner of the Hanna Community All-Star Award. The award is given to the individual who most aptly demonstrates selfless commitment and devotion to Hanna’s ideals, mission and goals. This year’s awardee was named at the 11th Annual Evening with the All-Stars gala on April 22 in Sonoma, CA and was presented by former Hanna Board Chair Jack Bertges.

As a consultant and investor, Potter has been actively involved in the healthcare industry for more than 30 years. Having sold her initial company to McGraw-Hill, she has started and sold a number of subsequent organizations, and has been an active investor in early stage innovators in health care. She has also served on several boards, including CHW/Dignity, CHI, CHRISTUS, Ocular Sciences, the University of California School of Public Health and three other private companies.

Potter’s education credits include Stanford University’s Executive MBA program, a Master’s in Public Policy and Education from Northwestern University, and a Bachelor’s in Sociology and Philosophy from Siena Heights University.

One of the highlights of her career, however, is her dedicated work with charities and non-profits. Along with serving on the boards of seven non-profits, Mary Jo Potter has been actively involved

at Hanna Boys Center for nearly 25 years. She has served as the Board Chair, been involved in strategic planning, served on the most recent Capital Campaign Committee, chaired multiple Board committees, and volunteered at countless Hanna events. Her service and value to Hanna has been immeasurable.

Accepting the award, Potter commented: “It’s a great honor to have been selected to receive this award for my work at Hanna. I was extremely surprised since I have spent so many years here and I have seen the organization learn and evolve so much over time. Hanna’s Board has worked collectively along with the organization toward a great vision and it’s truly gratifying to see so much accomplished.”

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About Hanna Boys Center

Since 1945, Hanna Boys Center has changed the lives of thousands of at-risk, motivated youth through faith, education and caring, helping them grow into productive members of society. Hanna exists to help at-risk teens overcome the effects of childhood adversity—to become responsible, productive adults and realize their highest potential. We do this by providing a nurturing and therapeutic residential environment, a tailored educational model, and trained, caring adults who help kids create positive, permanent change in their lives. www.hannacenter.org

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