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Statewide Advocacy Award to SteppingStone Adult Day Health Care Leader

The California Association for Adult Day Services (CAADS), a statewide advocacy group that advocates for the development of adult day services for chronically ill and disabled adults as an alternative to institutional care has awarded the CAADS Quality Award for Community Advocacy to Benny Wong, Program Director of SteppingStone’s Golden Gate Day Health Center in San Francisco.

This Community Advocacy Award will be presented at its 33rd Annual Conference: “Looking Beyond Limits” Awards Luncheon on November 16 at the Hyatt Regency in Burlingame.

Benny was chosen among leaders of the over 300 Adult Day Health Care centers in California because of the extraordinary empowerment he has nurtured in the frail seniors and disabled adults who attend SteppingStone’s Golden Gay Day Health center in San Francisco’s Tenderloin neighborhood. In light of repeated threats from the State to eliminate ADHC as a lifesaving MediCal benefit for California’s most vulnerable seniors and disabled adults, Benny energized the participants at his ADHC center to speak out for themselves with courage and conviction, even in spite of language differences, to preserve this health service they depend on to maintain their independence. Most recently participants at Golden Gate ADHC visited the Governor’s office and told their stories to the chief officer. Participants have written letters describing the impact of cut-back in

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services to their legislative representatives and successfully received a visit from each one of them to their center.

Benny is successful because he believes that encouraging the ADHC participants to speak out and advocate for themselves is every bit as important to their health and well-being as the skilled nursing, occupational and physical therapy, social work, and nutritious meals they receive every day at Golden Gate ADHC.

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