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Step Up on Second receives \$10,000 MassMutual Grant

Los Angeles, CA, July 1, 2014 – Step Up on Second, a leading mental health organization providing permanent supportive housing for individuals who are homeless and affected by mental illness, has received a \$10,000 grant from Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual) as part of MassMutual’s national Community Service Award (CSA) program. Step Up on Second is one of only sixteen organizations nationally to receive an award. MassMutual made the grant on behalf of the volunteer efforts of Ivan Illán, CFS, Founder and Managing Partner at Align Wealth Preservation & Insurance Services, an office of Capstone Partners Financial and Insurance Services in Newport Beach, Calif.

“MassMutual’s Community Service Awards program aims to encourage and recognize those financial professionals who are active members of their community,” said Nick Fyntrilakis, Vice President of Community Responsibility, MassMutual. “Ivan’s volunteer work reflects MassMutual’s steadfast commitment to supporting organizations in the communities where our financial professionals live and work.”

“One of the organization’s greatest needs is the ongoing support for the Meals Program that started in 1986. As the homeless population increases, there is an immediate need for additional funding for the Meals Program,” said Carolyn Baker, Vice President of Community Development at Step Up on Second.

Ivan has been committed to Step Up on Second since 2010 and has dedicated countless hours of time and talent to help the organization grow and flourish.

“I am very pleased that my dedication to the Step Up on Second has been recognized by MassMutual,” said Ivan. “This grant will provide much needed funding to

continue supporting our community through ongoing support programs, i.e. Meals Program, that lead to recovery for participants, and the development of more permanent supportive housing units.”

To learn more about Step Up on Second, visit www.stepuponsecond.org. For more information about Align Wealth Preservation & Insurance Services, LLC and Ivan Illán, visit www.alignwealth.com.

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