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OKEMOS, MI—Stephanie Kasprzak, executive director of Monroe County Opportunity Program (MCOP), the Community Action Agency that serves Monroe County, MI, was presented the Carla Javits Award for her leadership in addressing homelessness in the southeastern Michigan county, as well as her contributions to the Michigan Campaign Against Homelessness, a statewide initiative that brings nonprofit and public agencies together to promote affordable housing options for all Michigan residents.

The presentation of the award, named for Carla Javits, president of REDF, an organization that supports non-profits that utilize business models to create jobs for the hard-to-employ, took place September 8 at the annual Summit on Ending Homelessness at the Grand Traverse Resort in Traverse City. The award was presented by Lisa Chapman, executive director of the Corporation for Supportive Housing.

In addition to her role as executive director at MCOP, Ms. Kasprzak currently serves on the Board of Directors of Michigan Community Action, the state association of 29 Community Action Agencies to provide programs and services to low income individuals and families to promote economic self-sufficiency.

About Michigan Community Action

Michigan Community Action is a member service network dedicated to reducing poverty in Michigan by supporting Community Action Agencies in their quest to change the lives of low-income Michiganders. We advocate for our member agencies, working to influence funding for poverty-fighting programs such as early childhood education and financial counseling. We channel resources to every corner of Michigan and empower our member agencies through collaboration and professional development. Michigan Community Action is the statewide voice for Community Action, strengthening member agencies' capacity to alleviate the causes and effects of poverty. Every year, Community Action Agencies improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of Michigan residents. To learn or give please visit www.MichiganCommunityAction.org.

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