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## **Switchpoint Community Resource Center Receives Innovator of the Year Award**

ST GEORGE, UT – Oct 31, 2018 – Switchpoint Community Resource Center received the Innovator of the Year award at the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Homelessness Summit held in Salt Lake City, Utah on October 25, 2018. Each year the state of Utah Department of Workforce Services, Housing and Community Development Division recognizes individuals and organizations for their efforts in serving people who are experiencing homelessness. Those recognized have demonstrated going beyond standard practices to help people make a positive change in their lives.

Switchpoint Homeless Shelter and Community Resource Center was chosen for their innovative way in which they exceed providing more than emergency beds and meals for people. Organizers explain, “Switchpoint operates 24/7 and takes an individual approach with each person who walks through their doors. There are no handouts at Switchpoint; everyone is expected to earn the things they need by doing their part and taking care of the facility. Clients can work at the on-site thrift store and doggy day care, which helps Switchpoint to be self-sustaining like they hope their clients will be.”

“We are honored to receive the Innovator Award from the State Homelessness Program. We set out to create a new standard for best practices in homeless shelters by providing a clear path and support to get out of poverty for those that are ready to do the work.”

For more information about Switchpoint and to learn ways you can help please visit <https://www.switchpointcrc.org> or call Morgan Barrick at 435-628-9310 ext. 103.



*Pam Atkinson, Kristen Clark, Carol Hollowell, Jon Pierpont*

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### **About Switchpoint Community Resource Center™**

Switchpoint™ Community Resource Center has been in existence since 2014 and provides temporary shelter and support for the homeless community in Washington County. Relying heavily on volunteers, additional services include job-training programs through their Thrift Store, Food Pantry and Bed 'n' Biscuits Dog Daycare facility. Switchpoint collaborates with over 20 nonprofit partners and local government agencies to offer services on-site to those who visit the center. Beyond food and shelter, Switchpoint Community Resource Center is a stepping-stone to independence for those experiencing homelessness, making poverty a temporary situation.

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