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### **ANNOUNCEMENT: The CPC Selection Process is Underway: Winners will be announced August 2023**

For almost 10 years, the Veterans Health Administration (VHA) [National Center for Healthcare Advancement and Partnerships \(HAP\)](#), has facilitated the annual VHA [National Community Partnership Challenge \(CPC\)](#), to recognize partnerships that improve the health and well-being of Veterans and their communities.

The 2023 CPC theme is “Accelerating VHA’s Journey to High Reliability Through Partnerships,” which aligns with VHA’s priority initiative to become a High Reliability Organization that:

- Prioritizes patient safety.
- Creates a culture of continuous improvement.
- Uses proactive strategies to prevent errors and adverse events.

After a thorough evaluation process, 3 winning partnerships will receive the coveted Crystal Award in August 2023. Winners will be partnerships that affirm VA’s commitment to Veterans of all races, ethnicities, sexual identities, languages, cultures, and spiritual preferences. Winners will also demonstrate a high impact on the well-being of Veterans and their communities, and their potential for scalability and sustainability.

More than 550 partnerships have been recognized through CPC. Recently, some notable partnerships included:

- The [Corporal Michael J. Crescenz VA Medical Center’s Heroic Gardens](#) partnership project: Veterans participate in virtual gardening workshops, community-based nature walking meditation groups, and opportunities to understand plant-based healing.
- The VA Boston Healthcare System collaborated with [Veterans Voice Radio Network](#): Veterans tune in to listen to critical care information, including suicide prevention resources.
- [Robert Dole VA Medical Center’s partnership with the Wichita Animal Action League and Safe Paws Alliance](#): Veterans received pet care support during inpatient care, reducing their distress as they underwent treatment.
- [The Ralph H. Johnson VA Health Care System](#): Through a collaboration with 6 community hospitals, Veterans experienced improved coordinated care and reduced risk of suicidal behaviors and deaths by suicide.

CPC is facilitated by HAP. VHA employees at medical facilities, health care centers, community-based outpatient centers, clinics, and program offices were eligible to submit an entry. For more information about the challenge, visit <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPARTNERSHIPS/CPC.asp> or contact [VHA\\_Partnerships@va.gov](mailto:VHA_Partnerships@va.gov). For more information about HAP, visit <https://www.va.gov/HEALTHPARTNERSHIPS/index.asp>.

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