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*Dr. Myron and Joyce Glick Receive New York Senate's Highest Civilian Honor For Their Work With Buffalo's Refugees And Other Underserved Communities*

**BUFFALO** – Today, November 23, 2021, New York State Senator Sean Ryan hosted a ceremony at D’Youville College to present Dr. Myron Glick and Joyce Glick, founders of Jericho Road Community Health Center, with the New York State Senate Liberty Medal for their decades of work supporting Buffalo’s underserved communities. The Liberty Medal is the highest honor that can be bestowed upon a civilian by a member of the New York State Senate.

Since its founding as a small family practice 24 years ago, Jericho Road has continually expanded and evolved to include a wide range of medical services. They now provide care to more than 25,000 patients each year, regardless of the patients’ insurance status or ability to pay for the services. During the pandemic, they have offered COVID-19 testing and vaccination for patients and community members who would otherwise have faced barriers to obtaining these services.

While Jericho Road has been a lifeline for a variety of historically underserved groups in Buffalo, its legacy is highlighted by a specific focus on helping Buffalo’s refugee community. In addition to medical services, Jericho Road administers several community programs designed to aid the transition for immigrants and refugees living in Buffalo. These programs include financial literacy education, English as a second language classes, and temporary housing for asylum seekers.

The Glicks met as children when they were both members of the same Amish Mennonite community in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Motivated by the relative lack of healthcare in the community, Myron attended the University at Buffalo for medical school with plans to one day provide medical care abroad. While living on Buffalo’s West Side, he noticed that Buffalo suffered from extensive healthcare inequality and decided that he would instead work to make a difference in his new community.

After Myron completed a three-year residency in Pennsylvania, the Glicks moved back to Buffalo to open Jericho Road Family Practice in 1997, where Myron served as the practice’s medical provider and Joyce managed the office. Located on the West Side of Buffalo, Jericho Road quickly gained a reputation for its work supporting patients who typically lacked healthcare options. In 2004, the Glicks expanded their practice for the first time, opening a second location on Buffalo’s East Side. Since that time, Jericho Road has become a Federally Qualified Health Center with five locations and a family dental office in the City of Buffalo.

In the last five years, Jericho Road has opened additional health centers abroad in Sierra Leone, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Nepal, allowing Dr. Glick to carry out his original dream while continuing to serve the community in Buffalo.

**Senator Sean Ryan** said, “Since founding Jericho Road Community Health Center nearly 25 years ago, Myron and Joyce Glick have devoted their entire lives to helping members of marginalized and

underserved communities in Buffalo. The Glicks' work to bring vital medical services to those who would otherwise be unable to access them is enough to make them more than worthy of this honor. But Jericho Road's additional focus on aiding refugees and immigrants through community programs has had an untold impact on the families they have touched. Jericho Road has been a major factor in Buffalo's population growth, expanding our ability to serve as a destination for refugees and immigrants seeking a new life in the United States. I am proud to present Dr. Myron and Joyce Glick with the New York State Senate Liberty Medal to commemorate the cascading impact of their life's work."

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