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**CAREFIRST, A-SPAN CHECK PRESENTATION TO HIGHLIGHT
EXPANDED HEALTH CARE ACCESS IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

ARLINGTON, VA – December 1, 2016 – A-SPAN will be recognized by CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield (CareFirst) as an innovative community health partner at a check presentation on **Friday, December 16, at 9 a.m.** at the **Homeless Services Center**, 2020A 14th Street North, Arlington VA. The celebration and check presentation reaffirms A-SPAN’s commitment to Arlington County and its innovative community health initiatives, including A-SPAN’s enhanced nursing programs in support of Arlington’s homeless neighbors.

CareFirst representatives Maria Tildon, Senior Vice President, Public Policy and Community Affairs, and Julie Wagner, Vice President, Community Affairs, will present a \$50,000 check to A-SPAN to further its enhancements to health care access and medical respite program at the Homeless Services Center. A-SPAN will work to expand health system access, improving the health of Arlington County’s most vulnerable population, street homeless individuals and veterans.

A-SPAN’s Homeless Services Center combines year-round shelter with nursing services and a medical respite program managed by a full-time nurse practitioner. Since 2010, A-SPAN has provided free nursing care for Arlington’s homeless individuals and veterans. The health services and medical respite program is made possible through funding from Arlington County and grants from organizations like CareFirst.

Additional details below.

WHAT: CareFirst/A-SPAN Check Presentation
WHEN: Friday, December 16, 9 a.m.
WHERE: Homeless Services Center, 2020A 14th Street N, Arlington VA 22201
CONTACT: Guests and reporters interested in attending this event should contact Scott Miller at (703) 228-7809 or smiller@a-span.org

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