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PROJECT HOPE HONORS GRADUATES OF PARTNERS IN HEALTH PROGRAM

*Program Prepares Graduates for Positions at Brigham & Women's Hospital
Or Advanced Training*

BOSTON, MA (December 23, 2014) - [Project Hope](#), a multi-service agency at the forefront of efforts in Boston to move families up and out of poverty, announced the graduation of 13 students from its Community Partners in Health Professions (CPHP) program.

The students were honored in a ceremony on December 18 at Project Hope's Community Building at 550 Dudley Street in Roxbury.

The CPHP program is one of three job training tracks that Project Hope offers through its Workforce Development & Employer Partnerships (WDEP) program. CPHP is the mid-level, pre-employment training program that prepares graduates for entry-level administrative positions at Brigham & Women's Hospital or further training through Partners in Career & Workforce Development (PCWD), the next-highest program level.

Founded in 2004, WDEP prepares low-income residents of Boston, particularly from the impoverished Roxbury and Dorchester neighborhoods, for mid- and entry-level employment in the health care field. WDEP has a formal agreement with Partners HealthCare, one of the area's biggest employers, which offers interviews and the potential for employment for graduates from Project Hope's training tracks.

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Thirteen students graduated from the program on Thursday. Of those, seven students have interviewed for the higher-level PCWD program; three have already been accepted. Several of the graduates are also interviewing for positions at Tufts Health Plan.

"The graduation ceremonies for our WDEP programs are always such gratifying events," said Robyn Eastwood, Project Hope's Assistant Director of Development & External Affairs. "Our students work so hard and apply themselves so diligently, it's very rewarding to be able to celebrate their accomplishments and give them their just recognition.

"More importantly, we at Project Hope get the satisfaction of knowing these graduates now have the tools and the training to improve their professional and personal lives -- both for themselves and their families."

Questions about the WDEP program can be directed to Robyn Eastwood at 617-442-1880 x206 or by email at reastwood@prohope.org. More information about Project Hope is available at www.prohope.org.

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