

Homeless Service Providers Network presents the Rev. David Lima with its annual Sister Rose Award

The City's Homeless Service Providers Network presented The Rev. David Lima, Executive Minister at the InterChurch Council of Greater New Bedford, with its Sister Rose Award.

Named in honor of Sister Rosellen Gallogly who served as the Executive Director of Market Ministries in the City for years and was a founding member of the City's Homeless Service Provider's Network, the Sister Rose Award was presented to Rev. Lima by Mayor Jon Mitchell and Carl Alves, Executive Director of Positive Action Against Chemical Addition (PAACA) Inc., at the Homeless Connect Event at the New Bedford YMCA.

Mr. Alves said, "David has long been an advocate for those in need within the City of New Bedford, giving of his time and passion in bettering the lives of those who have been marginalized and those who suffer. Rev. Lima's work has had a tremendous impact on this Continuum's ability to address issues of the disenfranchised, those in crisis and those experiencing homelessness. He has been a role model to me and to many of us who serve this community."

"Rev. Lima epitomizes service to our community," said Mayor Jon Mitchell. "The Sister Rose Award is a fitting accolade to honor his numerous acts of service, which he performs without seeking recognition. He is undoubtedly among the most deserving to receive this award."

The Sister Rose Award is given annually to an individual from within the continuum of care in recognition of achievement, dedication and compassion in one's personal and professional

life in living out the mission of the HSPN that is rooted in the belief that every person is entitled to live in dignity.