

Homeless Service Providers Network presents Raymond Duarte with annual Sister Rose Award

The City's Homeless Service Providers Network recently presented Raymond Duarte, Program Manager at the Sister Rose Network (shelter) under Catholic Social Services, with its 2018 Sister Rose Award.

Named in honor of the late 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 Raymond Duarte by the Rev. David Lima, Executive Minister of the Inter-Church Council of Greater New Bedford and the Chair of New Bedford's Homeless Service Providers Network.

Rev. Lima said, "Ray has long been an advocate for those in need within the City of New Bedford and works tirelessly in ensuring nobody is left out in the cold, literally and figuratively. He goes above and beyond and generously gives of himself toward ensuring those who are cold, those who live in encampments and those who are in crisis are all given the opportunity for hope, support and a roof. Mr. Duarte's work has had a tremendous impact on this city's ability to compassionately serve those who are unsheltered, ensuring the smooth operation of both the Sister Rose shelter and the city's cold weather overflow shelter."

The Sister Rose Award is given annually to an individual from within the New Bedford 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.