2018 CUCS Champion Awards Honors Manhattan Borough President Gale A. Brewer, CUCS | Janian Medical Care Consumer Advisory Board and First Republic Bank

New York, April 20 – The Center for Urban Community Services (CUCS), a leader in the restoring the housing and health of homeless and vulnerable individuals and families, will celebrate the transformational contributions of civic, government and corporate leaders at its 2018 Champion Awards, taking place April 25th in New York City.

CUCS will present the 2018 Government Champion award to Gale A. Brewer, Manhattan Borough President; the Humanitarian Champion award to the CUCS | Janian Medical Care Consumer Advisory Board, and the Corporate Champion award to First Republic Bank.

In recognizing Gale A. Brewer as recipient of the CUCS 2018 Government Champion award, CUCS CEO and President Tony Hannigan said, "Gale Brewer's dedication and decades of service to New York City is unparalleled. Her commitment to strengthening the borough of Manhattan and to lifting up all New Yorkers is a true example of government service at its finest. We are honored to be giving Gale this award."

CUCS | Janian Medical Care Consumer Advisory Board will receive the 2018 Humanitarian Award. "Our Consumer Advisory Board is comprised of service recipients who are homeless and formerly homeless individuals. They help guide our psychiatric services while giving voice to the needs of their peers, using lived experience of mental health challenges and homelessness to connect, engage and support others facing similar situations. For example, the members staff tables at soup kitchens and community venues throughout the year to provide information, care packages, and support to peers," said Hannigan.

CUCS's signature health care program, Janian Medical Care, is dedicated to improving the health of homeless and formerly homeless individuals throughout New York City.

First Republic Bank has been dedicated to supporting and developing partnerships with the nonprofit community since 1985 and will be recognized as CUCS's 2018 Corporate Champion. "First Republic Bank's efforts to create financial partnerships with CUCS and New York City's nonprofit community are commendable," said CUCS Board Chairman Alex Rose. "By partnering with First Republic, CUCS is able to expand its ability to create affordable housing and provide the programs and services that thousands of individuals and families depend upon."

The 2018 CUCS Champion Awards will take place on April 25th at the Helen Mills Theater, 137 West 26<sup>th</sup> Street, New York City, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm.

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