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### **Sister Kathleen Moroney Legal Service Award Luncheon Announcement**

On Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Holy Cross Ministries of Utah (HCM) will host its' first annual Legal Service Awards Luncheon to recognize instrumental contributors in the legal community who share Holy Cross Ministries' vision for just, compassionate, sustainable, and inclusive communities. The event will be held from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM, at the Leonardo Museum in downtown, Salt Lake City (209 East 500 South, Salt Lake City, Utah 84111). Tickets can be purchased online at <http://hcmutah.org/hcm-events/> until May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Key contributors of the immigration legal community, who exemplify Sister Kathleen Moroney's commitment to justice, will be recognized through three awards in the following categories:

- Philanthropic Firm of the Year
- Innovative Agency of the Year
- the Moroney Legal Service Award

Holy Cross Ministries is now accepting nominations for the three award categories that will be presented during the event. Detailed descriptions of each of the award categories are now available on our website. Please visit <http://hcmutah.org/hcm-events/> to submit your nominations. The deadline to submit all nominations is April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 5:00PM.

The Awards Luncheon was created in honor of Sister Kathleen Moroney's tremendous contributions to the legal community through her work in founding the Legal Immigration Department at Holy Cross Ministries and providing legal immigration services. In response to the overwhelming need for low-cost legal services for immigrants in Utah, Sister Kathleen Moroney, J.D., established a Legal Immigration Services Program on September 25, 2000. Today, HCM's Legal Immigration Program operates Utah's first and largest U-Visa program for victims of crime and has helped over 10,000 men, women and children gain legal status since its' inception 18 years ago. Holy Cross Ministries continues to assist Utah's immigrant families towards independence and full participation in the community.

*HCM is guided by the tradition of service that has characterized the Sisters of the Holy Cross since 1875 when the first two sisters opened a hospital in Utah. HCM is driven by its commitment to those in need and has continued this tradition of compassionate service since it was created in 1994. Recognizing the widespread needs of the underserved in Utah, HCM's programs provide early childhood and youth education classes; bilingual outreach services to provide prenatal education, basic health screening, and community referrals; and legal immigration assistance, primarily for families and victims of domestic violence. To learn more about Holy Cross Ministries, please visit [www.hcmutah.org](http://www.hcmutah.org)*

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