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AMERICAN AIRLINES GIFTS $200,000 TO GREEN DOOR BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Contribution to Honor Will Ris, Retiring as Head of American's DC Office and Longtime Green Door Board Member

WASHINGTON — American Airlines has gifted Green Door Behavioral Health with a year-end contribution of $200,000 in honor of Will Ris, a longtime Green Door Board member who is retiring this month after 20 years as head of American's Washington DC office. Green Door Behavioral Health is a community-based non-profit that serves more than 1800 DC residents living with persistent mental illness and complications related to substance use disorders. More than 90% of Green Door's clients live at or below the poverty line.

"American Airlines' generous gift in honor of Will Ris is a testament to his service to Green Door Behavioral Health and to the larger DC community as a whole," said Dr. Richard Bebout, CEO of Green Door Behavioral Health. "And while Will is retiring from American Airlines we're thrilled that he will continue to serve on the Green Door Board."

Ris has been a Green Door Board member since 1995 and has served in many roles, including chair of the Board. This year he is co-chairing the annual Remarkable Journeys Gala on May 18, which celebrates Green Door's 40th Anniversary.

"Each of us at American Airlines has been impacted by Will's advocacy for nearly 20 years. He understands commercial aviation and cares deeply about our frontline professionals," said Doug Parker, chairman and CEO of American Airlines. "His passion for American is matched only by his genuine love for Green Door Behavioral Health, its mission and, most importantly, the people that are helped by their work. We are honored to make this donation in honor of Will who, throughout his career, has done so much for so many."

Green Door Behavioral Health is a community-based non-profit that serves DC's most vulnerable residents living with potentially life-threatening chronic health issues. Focusing first on persistent mental illness as well as complications related to substance use disorders and physical conditions, Green Door's intensive program provides psychiatric and counseling services coupled with case management and includes supportive education, housing, day treatment programs, supported employment, and a host of necessary programs that many of our clients have never before been able to access. Celebrating 40 years working in the DC community in 2016, Green Door Behavioral Health assists 1800 clients, and is consistently rated among the top behavioral health care service providers in the District of Columbia.

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