



MedAssets Honors Two Charities with Humanitarian, Volunteer Awards

ATLANTA, May 05, 2009 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- MedAssets Inc. (NASDAQ: MDAS) recognized individuals with two charitable organizations whose work helps orphaned African children and returning disabled veterans, respectively, with humanitarian and volunteer-based awards at its annual Healthcare Business Summit.

MedAssets awards a person or team in the healthcare industry with the Outstanding Humanitarian Award annually. This individual or group is chosen because they exhibit extraordinary behavior in helping others and making a difference in the world. This year's recipient was the husband and wife team of Charles and Esther Mulli, founders of the Mully Children's Family non-profit organization in Kenya.

Charles Mulli founded MCF after growing up poor himself in Africa. As the oldest of six children, Mulli was abandoned by his parents and forced to fend for himself at the age of six. After a successful business career, Mulli was compelled to help orphaned children in Africa on seeing the extreme poverty and suffering firsthand. Charles and Esther now offer hope to some of the more than 1.7 million children who have been orphaned by AIDS in Kenya. Since 1986, MCF has provided shelter, food, medical attention, education and most importantly, love to more than 5,000 orphans and vulnerable children.

They currently support 2,010 children in three homes and three community-based centers. The homes, located on farmland, are working towards self-sustainability, and the model created by the Mullis has been mirrored by major international organizations including UNESCO.

"Charles and Esther Mulli have huge hearts and their love for the orphaned children of Africa is having an impact in bettering the lives of many," said John Bardis, Chairman, President and CEO of MedAssets. "People like Charles and Esther Mulli give us all renewed hope that individuals can make a huge difference in the lives of others."

The Mulli's work inspired MedAssets' newest corporate charity, Heart for Africa, a U.S.-based non-profit organization dedicated to provide care and support to some of the millions of African children orphaned by AIDS. [Heart for Africa](#) comes alongside small struggling orphans homes and enables them to get on their feet. The organization leverages American and Canadian assistance to build orphanages/schools, provide clothing, food and bedding and financial support.

For three years, MedAssets has supported [Hire Heroes USA](#), which helps disabled veterans from war zones in Iraq and Afghanistan to find employment once their military careers have ended. The Pacesetter Award is given annually to a person who has initiative, conviction, personal investment and makes unique yet significant contributions for HHUSA. This year's recipient was Carl Meyer, who raised more than \$15,000 and attracted wide media attention with his one-man fundraiser. Held on Independence Day, Carl played a marathon six rounds of golf or 108 holes in his "100 Holes for Heroes" golf event.

"Carl believes in the mission of Hire Heroes USA and was glad to do his part to help the organization help more of our returning heroes," Bardis said. "I know that our veterans greatly appreciate his efforts to bring attention to their cause."

In addition to the Pacesetter Award, MedAssets also annually recognizes a mentor who has assisted returning veterans during the difficult transition they face. This year's Mentor Award went to Brian Kelly, a Senior Vice President with MedAssets who served as a first-year mentor. Brian mentored Sgt. Joseph Ruppenstein, a retired U.S. Army Sergeant who was seeking work. Brian not only helped Sgt. Ruppenstein with the basics such as resume writing and interview preparation, he also helped the soldier find ways to use his vast military experience and leadership skills to find a new role he could be passionate about. With Brian's help, Sgt. Ruppenstein was able to secure a position at Atlantic Health.

"Brian's ability to be a good listener and a positive mentor has led to dramatic changes in one soldier's life," Bardis said. "The beauty of the mentor program within Hire Heroes USA is that it helps our soldiers identify ways to use their skills outside of the military arena, and it also helps the mentors see the rewards of the time they've invested in helping these individuals succeed."

About MedAssets

MedAssets (NASDAQ: MDAS) partners with healthcare providers to improve their financial strength by implementing spend management and revenue cycle solutions that help control cost, improve margins and cash flow, increase regulatory compliance, and optimize operational efficiency. MedAssets serves more than 125 health systems, 3,300 hospitals and 30,000 non-acute care healthcare providers. For more information, visit www.medassets.com.

About Heart for Africa

Heart for Africa is a U.S. non-profit working with local African organizations to provide self-sustainable homes for orphans through long term programs and short term service trips that deliver quality care, shelter, food, water, clothing, health care, social work, mentoring and education. The organization specializes in bringing people from North America to work in service projects alongside local partners in three African countries: Kenya, Malawi and Swaziland. To date, more than 4,000 people have traveled with Heart for Africa. For more information, please visit www.heartforafrica.org or call 678-566-1589. For information on Janine Maxwell's book, visit www.itsnotokaywithme.com.

About Hire Heroes USA

Hire Heroes USA (HHUSA) wholeheartedly understands the importance of creating opportunities for those who have asked so little but selflessly given so much. HHUSA is the link to career opportunities nationwide for returning service men and women - our Heroes - to ensure they have the opportunity to enjoy the freedoms they fought to preserve.

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