



HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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PUBLIC HEALTH CELEBRATES NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK SEEKS NOMINATIONS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH HEROES

National Public Health Week is April 6-12, 2009. Douglas County Health & Social Services will celebrate this observance by honoring people who are working to build a foundation for a healthy Douglas County. "Public Health is all around us – in the clean water we drink, at immunization clinics, and in programs that promote prenatal care and tobacco cessation. Throughout the year we hear about individuals and groups who have gone above and beyond to promote or protect the health of communities throughout Douglas County," said Peggy Kennerly.

The public is invited to nominate a single individual or an agency, business, faith-based group, educational institution, civic group, neighborhood association, club, or another group that has made a contribution to public health in Douglas County. Selection of Public Health Heroes Award will be based upon demonstrated leadership in promoting the health of the community

Nominations for the 2009 Public Health Hero Awards are invited for five categories. One awardee will be selected for each category.

- Public Health Leadership
- Douglas County Business
- Community-Based Organization
- Individual Community Member
- Future Public Health Hero (high school age youth)

Awardees will be recognized in April at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Douglas County Board of Commissioners.

The nomination form is available at www.co.douglas.or.us/health or by calling 541-440-3563. Mail, email, or fax nominations to the following address by **5:00 PM on March 13, 2009**:

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