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The Multnomah County Health Department is pleased to honor all the deserving nominees for their compassion and dedication to making Multnomah County a healthier place to live:

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Community Leaders, Businesses, Policy Leaders and Organization

Judge Richard Baldwin	Mark Goldsby	Loeza Juan
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Joseph Black	Jesse Herbach	Sara Schooley
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Multnomah County Youth Advisory Council
Healthy Aging Coalition of Multnomah County
Native American Youth and Family Center
Healthy Birth Initiatives Peer Support Group
KUNP-TV Univision Portland
Occupy Portland Medical Team

Aging and Disability Services, Communities Putting Prevention to Work
Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, Health Care Without Harm Program



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Celebrating Our Public Health Heroes

**Multnomah County
Health Department**

Public Health Heroes Celebration

**April 3, 2012
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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*Honoring Our Public Health Heroes
in Celebration of
2012 National Public Health Week*

Governor John Kitzhaber Public Health Leadership Award

Governor Kitzhaber leveraged his medical school education and political influence into significant policy solutions that have improved the public health environment for residents of Multnomah County and the State of Oregon. To honor his contribution, the Health Department has created the Governor John A. Kitzhaber Public Health Leadership Award to be presented annually to an outstanding policy leader or organization whose work has influenced policy solutions that have improved the public health environment for residents of Multnomah County and the State of Oregon.

Dr. Karen Gray – Parkrose School District Superintendent, partnered up with Multnomah County Health Department Community Wellness and Prevention Program to help enhance students' access to nutritious meals and physical activities throughout the day, by adopting policies that improve the health of all students. Karen has also supported the process of revising the district wellness policy to enhance students opportunities for health in six key areas: health opportunities in the location of a school, physical activity throughout the day, increased consumption of fresh drinking water, regional purchasing of school foods (especially produce), more nutritious choices in school snacks and promotion of healthy meal options for each student.



Community Based Organization or Program

This award is given to a community-based organization or program that promotes extraordinary health and wellness throughout Multnomah County through the services they provide.

Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) is an organization that works to enrich the lives of Native youth and families through education, community involvement and culturally specific programming, since 1974. NAYA recently partnered with Multnomah County's Community Wellness and Prevention program through the federal Communities Putting Prevention to Work grant. This community partnership helped to promote a regional investment strategy that can help reduce health disparities by improving access to parks, recreational facilities, and healthy foods and by ensuring an equity lens is used in decision-making for neighborhood development.



Business Award

This award is given to a business that promotes public health through their business practices.

KUNP-TV Univision Portland is an Univision network affiliate broadcasting in the Portland metro area since 2003. KUNP-TV Univision Portland has been an important partner in the effort to get culturally appropriate obesity and chronic disease prevention messages to Latino communities in Multnomah County. Partnering with Healthy, Active Multnomah County: It Starts Here campaign, KUNP-TV applied their creative and cultural expertise to the production of five television spots promoting increased physical activity and healthy beverage options for children. KUNP-TV has also coordinated with the Community Wellness and Prevention Program to develop news and community segments that promote the idea that healthy kids learn better.



Kate Jeans - Gail Award for Young Heroes

This award is presented to a youth or youth-related group who inspires or promotes other young people to make healthy lifestyle choices.

Multnomah County Youth Advisory Councils, a peer advocacy group, which focuses on promoting and improving the health and academic success of children and youth. The Youth Advisory Councils are a three-way partnership between the Multnomah Youth Commission, Teen2Teen (Cascade AIDS Project) and the School Based Health Centers (SBHC). Members of the councils continuously promote the school-based health centers and their services by presenting in classrooms and engaging with elected officials in Multnomah County and Salem. From hosting a "Health Awareness" event at David Douglas High School to discuss the importance of having healthy snacks in the cafeteria to adding new reading materials to the SBHC waiting areas, council leaders are truly making a positive difference in the lives of young people.



Multnomah County Employee Award

Each day, Multnomah County employees work tirelessly to serve the community and provide quality care and service. This award is presented to a current Multnomah County employee who truly demonstrates outstanding service to the public.

Erika Preuit is a district manager for Multnomah County Department of Community Justice. Erika promotes public health by working to end violence and making our communities safer and a healthier place to live. She was instrumental in coordinating the County Rapid Response Team to gang-related incidents of violence in Multnomah County. Erika promoted cooperation among the County departments by creating communication channels for exchanging meeting schedules, population maps, training and best practices on interacting with gangs. Erika has also become part of the leadership team for the Community Healing Initiative, a family and community centered collaboration designed to stop youth and gang violence in Multnomah County by addressing its root causes.



Josiah Hill Community Leadership Award

Multnomah County lost a powerful community leader in the fight for social, racial, health and economic justice when Josiah Hill III passed away on October 12, 2000. To honor his legacy, the Health Department has created the Josiah Hill Community Leadership Award to be presented annually to outstanding community members.

Jacki Gethner, an international health advocate and founder of Women of a Certain Age, a program that provides local resources, information and support regarding HIV/AIDS prevention education to women over 50. Since launching Women of a Certain Age, Jacki has communicated with more than 2,000 women in the Portland Metro area. Jacki has a specialty in the field of HIV/AIDS where she has worked in collaboration with many civic and government agencies, health educators, faith-based organizations and pharmaceutical companies. With more than 25 years of experience in counseling and bodywork, Jacki is recognized as a pioneer and seasoned healer in prevention and self-care of AIDS patients and vulnerable communities through the use of integrative therapies.

