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Congratulations to our 2013 Public Health Heroes!

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Multnomah County Health Department

Honors 2013 Public Health Heroes

Multnomah County Health Department and the Board of County Commissioners is honored to announce its 2013 Public Health Heroes at the [13th Annual Public Health Heroes Celebration](#) on **Monday, April 1, 2013** from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m at the Multnomah Building Boardroom on 501 SE Hawthorne Blvd with a reception following immediately after.

Residents of Multnomah County nominated community members, leaders and organizations who support and promote public health. The Public Health Heroes celebration is free and open to the public.

Congratulations to the following 2013 Public Health Heroes:



The Josiah Hill Award: Sharon Gary-Smith, Executive Director of *McKenzie River Gathering Foundation*, a community organization that funds groups organizing for social, economic and environmental justice throughout Oregon.

Community-Based Organization Award: EMO HIV Day Center, an organization that provides a variety of services that promote health and wellness for low income people living with HIV/AIDS. The Day Center provides hot breakfasts and lunches four days each week. A full time social worker/counselor is available for counseling, information and referral and helps with problem solving.

Kate Jeans-Gail Award for Young Heroes: 12-year-old, Alazar Manning helps to spread the word about HIV throughout the community. He is the top Youth Fundraiser for AIDS Walk Portland, with \$8,997 raised.

Business Award: ZRT Laboratory is a CLIA certified diagnostic laboratory that supports healthcare professionals in health management through accurate, convenient and innovative lab testing. Operating for over fifteen years, ZRT stays ahead of developments in medical research and utilizes the most advanced technologies to help healthcare providers and patients.

Multnomah County Employee Award: Office Assistant Senior, Terry Bonnett is instrumental in managing the Coalition of Community Health Clinics large volunteer base. The Coalition is a network of fourteen private, non-profit health clinics located throughout Multnomah County. Terry's work with the HIV Services Planning Council helps to improve the quality of life for those infected and/or affected by HIV/AIDS.

Governor John Kitzhaber Public Health Leadership Award: Michelle Kunec, Management Analyst for the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, is leading the Infrastructure Equity Policy Expert Group for the Comprehensive Plan, which will set the framework for the physical development of the city. Michelle's leadership has resulted to advance recommendations that address disparities from low income communities and communities of color.

Congratulations to our 2013 winners and to all of our deserving nominees!

For more information, please visit: Multnomah County Health Department [Public Health Heroes Celebration](#).

If you have questions about the event, please contact Jaimee Mayfield at: jaimie.mayfield@multco.us.

Interested in statewide events during Oregon Public Health Week, April 1-7, 2013? Check out the [OPHA calendar!](#)

We look forward to celebrating with you!

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Public Health Heroes Celebration

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