

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:

Special recognition to the individuals nominated for the Multnomah County Employee Award:

Raquel Amaya ✧ Joanne Buck ✧ Carol Casciato ✧ Corrections Health eMAR/HER Implementation Team ✧ Valerie Tyron



Community Leaders, Businesses, Policy Leaders and Organization

Albina Ministerial Alliance House of Faith Community HealthWorkers Project Youth Group ✧ Asian Health & Service Center ✧ Dr. T. Allen Bethel ✧ Alisha Moreland-Capuia, MD ✧ Cascade AIDS Project ✧ Davis Rothwell Earle & Xóchihua P.C. ✧ Sonja Ervin ✧ Future Generations Collaborative ✧ Gunderson: The Greenbrier Companies ✧ "I Have a Dream" Oregon ✧ Julie Mack ✧ Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility, Health Care Without Harm Team ✧ Playworks ✧ Taylor Stroup ✧ Working Class Acupuncture ✧ Youth Against Violence Committee, Multnomah Youth Commission



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Lillian Shirley	Consuelo Saragoza	Debi Smith
Kevin Kitamura	Tab Dansby	Heather Herauf
Kathryn Harris	Darcy Miles	Harold Odhiambo
Kimie Ueoka	Mo Walker	Sonia Manhas

2013 Public Health Heroes

Multnomah County Health Department



Public Health Heroes Celebration

April 1, 2013
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

*Honoring Our Public Health Heroes
in Celebration of
2013 National Public Health Week*



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Governor John Kitzhaber Public Health Leadership Award

This award is presented 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.



Michelle Kunec-North, management analyst for the City of Portland Bureau of Planning and Sustainability, is working to integrate health and equity into the City's Comprehensive Plan, which will guide physical development and investment in Portland. Her leadership has advanced recommendations that address disparities in low-income communities and communities of color.

Michelle's commitment to creating healthy communities has helped guide a planning process that supports and advances innovative practices in the planning field, and has resulted in significant progress toward shared goals to eliminate inequities and improve health outcomes through how we design our neighborhoods and communities.

Community-Based Organization

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.



Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO) HIV Day Center provides a variety of services that promote health and wellness for low-income people living with HIV/AIDS. In 2012, the Day Center served 31,000 meals both onsite and delivered to the homes of homebound individuals. In addition to getting well-balanced meals that take into account their special dietary needs; clients have access to personal hygiene supplies, computers, mail receipt and message services, counseling and

other support. The Center provides education and encouragement to clients to engage in HIV medical care and other support services; and to maintain medication adherence. It is a safe place for clients to discuss their HIV disease, learn how to manage it and stay healthy. It is common to hear clients say "the Day Center saved my life."

Business/Corporation Award

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



ZRT is a CLIA certified diagnostic laboratory that supports healthcare professionals in health management through innovative lab testing.

The founder, David T. Zava, PhD has an extensive

background in breast cancer research and is committed to wellness through preventative health. Operating for over a decade, ZRT stays ahead of developments in medical research and utilizes the most advanced technologies to help healthcare providers and patients detect hormonal imbalances, cardio metabolic risk, vitamin D deficiency, infertility, and iodine deficiency.

Katie 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.



Twelve-year-old **Alazar Manning** was born in Ethiopia and came to the United States six years ago. When he discovered HIV had affected his family, he began learning about the virus. Knowledge and compassion turned practical and he became determined to raise money to prevent the further spread of HIV. In the last four years, Alazar has raised more than \$21,000 for Cascade AIDS Project's AIDS Walk Portland. Alazar is not only the top youth fundraiser, but the top fundraiser including both youth and adults, for the

Walk. He is a young man willing to stand up, speak out and talk about difficult issues. His courage to be associated with HIV and raise awareness and funding for this cause is an example to all of us.

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.



Terry Bonnett began working with Multnomah County Health Department more than 25 years ago, starting at the Westside Health Clinic and transferring to Early Childhood Services in 1989. In 2005, Terry began to staff the Portland Area HIV Services Planning Council.

Terry also processes volunteer health care provider applications for the Coalition of Community Health Clinics. In the course of a year, he processes and tracks hundreds of volunteer providers that see thousands of uninsured, vulnerable patients in the Portland Metro area.

In his spare time, Terry volunteers with an animal rescue organization, providing foster care and assisting with finding new homes for numerous homeless pets.

The Josiah Hill Community Leadership Award

Josiah Hill III was a powerful community leader in the fight for social, racial, health and economic justice. We honor his legacy with this award to an outstanding community member.



Sharon Gary-Smith, Executive Director, McKenzie River Gathering, has spent her entire adult life working toward true inclusion, diversity and equality for many people, especially those here in her home state of Oregon. The eldest daughter of social justice activists, she has chosen to use her life as a measure and vehicle to open doors for others and to be an ally.

Whether it was as the Director of the Carolyn Downs Medical Clinic in the late 1970's, where she championed the concept of "community health", or during the 1980's while working in Atlanta with the National Black Women's Health Project, as the Director of Special Projects with Cascadia Behavioral Health, or now as the Executive Director of McKenzie River Gathering, Sharon has positively impacted the lives and health of thousands.