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**Deadline for Spirit of Public Health Awards April 9**

**Woodstock IL** – McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) will take nominations for its 5<sup>th</sup> annual Spirit of Public Health Awards until April 9<sup>th</sup>. Nominations of individuals or group that have made an impact on the community in the area of public health would include:

- Students – those who have demonstrated a commitment towards improving the health of the community through volunteering, fundraising, mentoring or increasing awareness of a health concern
- Volunteers – those who have shown dedication outside of their normal work day to improve the safety and health of the community
- Professionals – those who have made an improvement on the health and well-being of the public

A description of the award and a nomination form can be viewed on the MCDH website ([www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info)) along with winners from previous years which have included a teacher, police officer and dentist, volunteers from a church and animal shelter, and elementary and high school students. Please be specific when discussing the person or group being nominated and how their contribution embodies the spirit of public health. Selected candidates will be notified. Awards will be presented at a special event in April celebrating Public Health Week. MCDH employees are not eligible to receive this award.

Questions should be directed to Debra Quackenbush, Community Information Coordinator, 815-334-4456.

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*“Working to prevent disease and promote health and safety for all people of McHenry County since 1966.”*