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**Nominations for the 5<sup>th</sup> annual Spirit of Public Health Awards**

**Woodstock IL** – In keeping with National Public Health Week’s “*A Healthier America: One Community at a Time*” (April 5-11), McHenry County Department of Health (MCDH) would like to acknowledge individuals who have made an impact on our community. Nominations of individuals or group that embody the spirit of public health from the following categories 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 Spirit of Public Health Awards can be viewed on our website ([www.mcdh.info](http://www.mcdh.info)) along with winners from previous years and this year’s nomination form. The deadline to file nominations is Friday, April 9. 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 Month. MCDH employees are not eligible to receive this award.

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

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