



MEDIA ADVISORY
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Health Department accepting nominations for Hidden Heroes of Public Health Awards

The Kane County Health Department is sponsoring The Hidden Heroes of Public Health Awards 2008. These awards honor county residents who have furthered public health principles and practices and provide services in Kane County. The recipients of these awards will be recognized at the Kane County Board Meeting on July 8, 2008. A nomination form is available at the health department website: www.kanehealth.com

The Health Department would appreciate your nomination for these awards. Nomination forms can be duplicated as needed. Nominations must be received by May 19, 2008. The nominee's public health contribution can be professional or occupational, either as a volunteer or in a paid capacity. Some suggested public health areas of involvement are addressing the five priorities (improve access to basic health care for those without insurance; eliminate the disparity in African American infant mortality; reduce the level of chronic disease; improve availability of community mental health services; maintain core public health protection services) from the current Kane County Health Plan (IPLAN <http://www.kanehealth.com/iplan.htm>) and the following:

- Environmental health
- Aging population
- Indigent health care
- Injury prevention at home, on the road, and at work sites
- Health education/health promotion
- Other health-related fields
- Communicable Disease
- Individuals with disabilities
- Dental health
- Violence

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In addition, applicants will be considered who are contributing to the improvement of health in Kane County in areas such as combating childhood obesity.

The following criteria will be used in selecting the recipients of the Public Health Awards. Employees of the Kane County Health Department are not eligible for these awards.

The Nominee:

- Must be a resident of Kane County;
- Promotes principles of public health in professional, public or volunteer work in Kane County;
- Networks or collaborates with community groups to help provide or promote public health to improve life for others;
- Promotes a positive image of public health in Kane County; and
- Is viewed as a leader in the community.

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