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Tri-County Health Department Presents Hero Awards

Tri-County Health Department has given their third annual “Public Health Hero Award” to three local recipients. The award is designed to recognize an individual, business or agency that has worked to improve public health. Nominees have to be from a field other than public health and were selected by Tri-County Health Department employees. Engraved plaques were presented at a reception hosted by Richard L. Vogt, MD, Executive Director of Tri-County Health Department. The awards were presented to Mike McGinnis of Colorado Mosquito Control; Lenna Gregory and Marianne Kamak of the HealthONE Alliance Lactation Program; and wastewater engineering consultant Edward O. Church.

Colorado Mosquito Control teamed up with Adams County, various North Metro Municipalities and Tri-County Health Department in a coordinated mosquito control effort. The company assisted with mosquito surveillance, mosquito control and treated over 1,260 acres of mosquito habitat. Colorado Mosquito Control contributed to the successful fight against the mosquito-borne virus in Adams County, reducing the number of human West Nile virus cases.

HealthONE Alliance Lactation Program consultants continue to serve Tri-County Health Department clients free-of-charge, even though the program no longer has grant money to fully-fund client visits. The Lactation Program is a valuable asset to the public health goal of increasing breastfeeding duration rates, thus improving the health of mothers and babies.

As an engineering consultant specializing in wastewater treatment, Edward O. Church has been involved with Individual Sewage Disposal Systems (ISDS) in the Tri-County Health Department area for over 20 years. His valuable input into state ISDS and wastewater regulations have resulted in significant improvements, thus preventing the spread of disease and protecting water quality.

Tri-County Health Department is the largest local health department in Colorado, providing services for more than one million residents of Adams, Arapahoe and Douglas Counties. Services include certified birth certificates, immunizations, family planning, women's cancer screenings, nutrition services, West Nile virus prevention, and inspections of restaurants and child care facilities. Extensive information about Tri-County's numerous services is available online at www.tchd.org.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Digital photos attached with e-mail. Captions provided below:

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(L-R) Dr. Richard L. Vogt, Executive Director, Tri-County Health Department; Mike McGinnis, President, Colorado Mosquito Control; Judy Robinson, Vice President, Tri-County Board of Health

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(L-R) Dr. Richard L. Vogt, Executive Director, Tri-County Health Department; Lenna Gregory and Marianne Kamak, HealthONE; Judy Robinson, Vice President, Tri-County Board of Health

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(L-R) Dr. Richard L. Vogt, Executive Director, Tri-County Health Department; Edward O. Church, Consulting Engineer; Judy Robinson, Vice President, Tri-County Board of Health

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