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Nominations Requested for County Public Health Awards

Nominations are being sought for the 2012 Anoka County Public Health Recognition Awards to be presented by the Anoka County Board of Commissioners. The awards recognize and honor citizens in Anoka County who devote their time, energy, and talents to improving public health in their communities.

There are two categories for the award:

- Youth-Focused: individual or group. The award will recognize an individual who is 18 years or younger at the time of nomination or an organization that is led by youth.
- Adult: individual or group. The award will be presented to an individual who is 18 years or older at the time of nomination, or to a group (partnerships, community coalitions, organizations).

The selection committee is looking for applicants who demonstrate leadership and success in creating solutions to public health problems. Past award winners have been advocates for healthy behaviors or have helped protect the health and safety of county citizens.

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“The county’s public health mission is to protect and promote the health and safety of the community,” said Anoka County Board Chair Rhonda Sivarajah, chair of the county’s Human Services Committee. “This award recognizes Anoka County’s partners in that mission. We’re fortunate in Anoka County to have so many talented people who are willing to give their time and energy to benefit others,” said Sivarajah.

The deadline for nominations is January 27, 2012. Nomination forms are available online at www.anokacounty.us or by calling Pat Robinson in Anoka County Community Health and Environmental Services at 763-422-7187.

The awards will be presented in April, which is designated as Public Health Month in Anoka County.

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