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Health Department seeks nominations for Health Champion awards

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department will recognize Douglas County residents who model, encourage and promote health in the community during National Public Health Week, April 4-10.

Director Dan Partridge encourages individuals to take the opportunity to nominate their favorite health champions for these awards. The deadline is 5 p.m. March 4 and the nomination form can be found at ldchealth.org.

Nominees are expected to have demonstrated:

- Work that goes above and beyond what is expected through normal job or organizational responsibilities.
- Efforts that have resulted in a positive health impact on others in the community.

“We know there are many deserving individuals in our community. Whether they’ve started a walking group or a new community garden or volunteered to serve in a health agency or in a food pantry, this is an opportunity to recognize individuals and their efforts,” Partridge said.

The Lawrence-Douglas County Health Board will select the Health Champions, who will be recognized during a community breakfast at 7:30 a.m. April 8 at the Community Health Facility, 200 Maine St. The event will be open to the public. Each recipient will receive a Health Champion certificate, and a donation will be made to a charity of his or her choice.

This is the fourth year for the Douglas County Health Champion awards. Previous winners were Michel Loomis and Josie Naron, 2013; Ellen Young and Logan Brown, 2014; Rick Martin and Di Xie, 2015.

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