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## **EXTRAORDINARY ACHIEVEMENTS IN PUBLIC HEALTH RECOGNIZED**

*Local Individuals and Organizations to be Presented Public Health Champion Awards April 4*

**WHAT:** The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) will honor 10 individuals and organizations during the 7th Annual Public Health Champion Awards. This honor recognizes extraordinary achievements in public health services ranging from the development of a free clinic run by university students for homeless and low-income residents, to teaching older adults the benefits of practicing yoga.

**WHO:** Chairman Greg Cox, County Board of Supervisors  
Jean Shepard, Director, Health and Human Services Agency  
Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H.  
Public Health Champion Award Recipients

**WHEN:** Friday, April 4, 2008  
9:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** County Administration Center  
1600 Pacific Highway, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Board Chambers (Room 310), San Diego

**WHY:** The Public Health Champion Awards were created to recognize the role of public/private collaboration in advancing optimal health and wellness in the county's diverse populations. Recipients of the Public Health Champion Awards exemplify exceptional achievement, longstanding excellence, outstanding leadership, and have made contributions that have advanced the community's health. They demonstrate achievements in protecting and promoting the health of San Diego County residents.

These awards recognize achievements related to the 2008 theme: *"Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance."* The theme focuses on how climate change impacts human health not only by region, but as a result of the relative vulnerability of different populations.

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