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LOCAL INDIVIDUALS, ORGANIZATIONS TO RECEIVE PUBLIC HEALTH CHAMPION AWARDS

Young People Recognized for Taking Back Park from Gangs

WHAT: The County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency (HHS) will honor 10 individuals and organizations during the 8th Annual Public Health Champion Awards. The awards recognize extraordinary achievements in public health services ranging from young people working with adults to take back a local park from gang activity to innovative programs to bring health information and services into communities.

WHO: Chairwoman Dianne Jacob, District 2, County Board of Supervisors
Wilma Wooten, M.D., M.P.H., County Public Health Officer
Public Health Champion Award Recipients

WHEN: Friday, April 10, 2009
1:00 p.m.

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

WHY: The Public Health Champion Awards were created to recognize the role of public/private collaboration in promoting health and wellness in the county's diverse populations. Award recipients exemplify exceptional achievement, longstanding excellence, outstanding leadership, and have made contributions advancing the community's health.

The awards are given out during National Public Health Week (April 6-10) to recognize achievements related to the 2009 theme: *"Building the Foundation for the Healthy San Diego"* through proper nutrition, education, and preventive care.

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