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### **Mohawk Grange of East Colebrook Receives ISHC Community Service Award**

The Board of Directors of Indian Stream Health Center (ISHC) is proud to announce the recipient of the health center's sixth annual Community Service Award. The 2014 award is being awarded to the Mohawk Grange East Colebrook at ISHC's Annual Community Meeting on August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Dancing Bear Pub in Colebrook, NH.

The Community Service Award was started in 2009 by ISHC Board of Directors to recognize the people and organizations that provide services that benefit community residents. Past recipients of the award have included Helping Hands, the Community Meals Program, and the Kiwanis Club, all located in Colebrook; the Northeast Kingdom Community Action Program in Canaan, VT; and the Pittsburg Area Community Service program of Pittsburg.

The Mohawk Grange of East Colebrook was nominated for this year's award because of its wide array of community service initiatives. Examples of the Grange's activities include: scholarship awards; assistance with area community suppers; and help for homebound residents in need with bills, errands, firewood, household chores, etc. According to the nominator, the Mohawk Grange "exemplifies the Grange admonition to 'enhance rural life' and to 'build a better manhood and womanhood' for people from age 14 to ????"

The Mohawk Grange also assists with roadside clean ups, provides food at blood banks, and distributes dictionaries to third grade students.

According to Gail Fisher, ISHC Board President, "We are very pleased to honor the Mohawk Grange East Colebrook with this year's Community Service Award. Historically, local Granges have provided rural, agricultural communities with opportunities for socialization, education, and family support. The Mohawk Grange

continues to carry on that mission with numerous activities making a difference in the lives of many of our community residents.”

ISHC encourages community residents to attend its Annual Community Meeting to celebrate the health center’s progress and to honor the Mohawk Grange, East Colebrook. The meeting is scheduled for August 12<sup>th</sup> at the Dancing Bear Pub in Colebrook, NH. The event starts at 5:30 pm with light musical entertainment. David Reynolds, PhD., Former Deputy Director of Vermont’s Health Care Reform Policy and Senior Health Advisor to Senator Bernie Sanders, will be the Keynote Speaker. An engaging public speaker, Dr. Reynolds will share his experiences as CEO of a Community Health Center in Vermont for three decades and his subsequent work in the national and state arena to assure that people, particularly those who are uninsured, are afforded quality health care at an affordable price.

Interested participants are asked to contact Gaetane Boire at 603-388-2432.