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Haven L. Haynes, Jr., of Beecher Falls, VT, Receives ISHC Community Health Advocate Award

The Board of Directors of Indian Stream Health Center (ISHC) is proud to announce the health center's third annual Community Health Advocate Award. This award is being given to Haven Haynes, Jr., of Beecher Falls, on August 12th at ISHC's Annual Community Meeting, which is being held at the Dancing Bear Pub in Colebrook, NH. The meeting is open to the public and is starting at 5:30 pm. There will be a buffet dinner at no charge, although a suggested donation of \$12.00 will be gratefully accepted from those who are able to contribute. If you are interested in attending, please contact Gaetane Boire at 603-388-2432.

The Community Health Advocate Award was developed by ISHC Board of Directors to honor an individual within the health center's service area who exemplifies service and has committed his/her time and talents to identifying and addressing community health needs. There were numerous nominations this year for the award and, after considerable discussion by the ISHC Community Relations Committee, it was decided to honor Haven Haynes, Jr., and thank him for contributing "tireless hours of charitable work in Coos County and the Northeast Kingdom," as stated by one of Haynes' supporters.

Examples of Haynes' community service include knitting hats and distributing them to the Colebrook kindergarten students for wear during recess, donating food to local food pantries and providing free firewood to local individuals and families in need.

According to Arthur Couture, a nominator, Haynes is a "well-known face to the area's Veteran community. Many have benefited from his charity. Others know him from his involvement with the Sons of the American Legion or from carrying the Colors at area parades."

Another nominator, Lynda Gaudette, who received this award two years ago, states that Haynes "is the heart and soul of community service and is an honourable family man. He has accumulated 4,000 hours doing community service since 2007."

ISHC encourages community residents to attend its Annual Community Meeting to celebrate the health center's progress and to honor Haynes. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12th at the Dancing Bear Pub in Colebrook, NH. The event starts at 5:30pm with a social time featuring light musical entertainment. The speaker this year will be Dr. David Reynolds, an engaging public speaker with more than three decades of leadership in the community health center (CHC) arena. He will discuss his experiences as a CHC leader in Vermont's Northeast Kingdom and also his time in Vt. Governor Shumlin's administration and Senator Sanders

office in Washington D.C., where he advocated for accessibility to affordable, quality primary health care for all.

Interested participants are asked to RSVP to Gaetane Boire at 603-388-2432 by August 1st. More details about the event can be found at www.indianstream.org.