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Quad City Health Initiative Recognized by American Hospital Association

The Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI) and its major financial sponsors, Genesis Health System and Trinity Regional Health System, have been selected by the American Hospital Association for inclusion in a new publication highlighting best practices in promoting healthy communities.

The publication "Community Connections: Making Communities Healthier" illustrates the unique and innovative ways that hospitals are working to make their communities healthier. The publication is a compendium of case examples that describe how and where hospitals are meeting their community's needs including activities in health promotion, access to care, health coverage and quality of life improvement. Content from the publication is also available online at www.caringforcommunities.org.

The Quad City Health Initiative was featured in the Health Promotion category and its case study featured the work QCHI has done through its projects, Smiles For All, Wellness Champions, Kids HealthNet (affiliate) and the Heat Emergency Task Force. QCHI has also supported project affiliates Tobacco Free QC and the Quad-Cities Coalition on Adolescent Sexuality and Pregnancy. In 2004, Quad City Health Initiative and its sponsors received the prestigious NOVA Award from the American Hospital Association recognizing their impact on community health.

Created in 1999, the Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI) is a community partnership of over 500 individuals in active pursuit of a healthier community. The Initiative seeks to be a catalyst for improving the health and overall quality of life within the Quad City community. The Initiative raises awareness of health issues, encourages or creates projects to address gaps in health services and fosters community collaboration in all aspects of health. Major financial sponsors of the Initiative in 2006 are Genesis Health System and Trinity Regional Health System. For more information or to join the efforts of the Quad City Health Initiative, please call 563-421-2815 or visit our website at www.qchealthinitiative.org.

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