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**Quad City Health Initiative Elects New Board Members**

The Quad City Health Initiative (QCHI) has elected three new Board members to four-year terms beginning January 2007. New Board members are: Ms. Lisa Charnitz, Russell Construction Company; Mr. Bob Travis, Genesis Health System; and Mr. Jim Widdop, Rock Island Regional Office of Education. In addition two Board members were elected to new four-year terms at the October 2006 QCHI Board meeting: Mr. George Barton, Community Health Care and Ms. Jill Cirivello, Davenport Community School District.

Four Board members are each continuing for a second four-year term including: Mr. Steve Flatt, Moline Dispatch/Rock Island Argus; Rev. Ron Quay, Churches United; Mr. Tom McGovern, Cleaveland Insurance Co.; and Ms. Ginny Wilson-Peters, Integrity Integrated, Inc.

The Board also recognized three retiring members: Mr. Jim Russell, Russell Construction Company; Ms. Missy Gowey, Genesis Health System; and Mr. John Flaherty, Rock Island Regional Office of Education.

The Quad City Health Initiative is a community partnership in active pursuit of a healthier community. A 35-member community Board that was established in 1999 governs the organization. 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 sponsors of the Initiative in 2007 include Genesis Health System and Trinity Regional Health System. Additional financial support is provided by Modern Woodmen of America.

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](http://www.qchealthinitiative.org).

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