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Partners and Food Service Recognized During Public Health Week

La Marque – The Galveston County Health District will observe “National Public Health Week” on April 4th by recognizing businesses, organizations and individuals in the community that do an exceptional job of contributing to the public's health.

“We recognize that improving the health of Galveston County requires a community-wide effort. This year we are proud to publicly recognize those whose dedication and efforts are contributing, significantly, to the health of county communities,” says Dr. Mark Guidry, the District's Chief Executive Officer and Health Authority. “It is an honor to recognize exceptional food safety, partner organizations, and volunteers.”

On April 4th at 2 pm in the Community Room of the Island Community Center, 4700 Broadway in Galveston, the Health District will recognize the following contributions of organizations and individuals:

- **For public health disaster preparedness** – Galveston ISD, Clear Creek ISD, Seaborne Challenge Corps, American Red Cross
- **For epidemiology disease reporting:** – Galveston ISD School Nurses
- **For highest childhood immunization rates among Vaccine for Children providers** – Friendswood Pediatric Associates, Texas City Pediatric Associates, Dr. Rathna Sastry, Friendswood's Texas Children's Pediatric Associates, UTMB's Regional Maternal Child Health

- **For coordinating EMS education** – Martha Philen, UTMB Division of Emergency Medicine
- **For WIC nutrition education and support** – Texas City ISD – Deneen Mickens, La Marque ISD - Debra Phillips, Santa Fe ISD – Brandy Babcock, Galveston ISD – Carla Jeters, Hitchcock ISD – Ginny Schmahl
- **For achievements in diabetes education** – Wayne Milner, Marilyn Simmons, Rosie Morales, Willie Tolivar
- **For senior, volunteer, & advisory services** - Georgia Kelly, Maudry Galloway, Lark Tedesco – Finneman, Mainland Communities United Way
- **For comprehensive social services support for the underserved** - The Jesse Tree

Also on April 4th at 7pm, the Health District will present its 10th annual “Gold Ribbon” awards to exemplary food service establishments. The awards will be presented during a ceremony at the Wayne Johnson Community Center in La Marque beginning at 7 pm. Galveston County Judge Jim Yarbrough will be on hand along with other city and county officials to present the prestigious food service awards.

“We enjoy taking this opportunity each year to recognize those operators doing a great job in the arena of food service,” says Martin Entringer the District’s manager of Consumer Health Services. “All too often people only hear about problems with food service establishments and we feel that good news should be shared with the community. There are many food service establishments doing an excellent job.”

2007 Gold Ribbon recipients from each community are as follows:

Bacliff: Big D’s Texas Style BBQ

Crystal Beach: GISD Crenshaw Elementary

Dickinson: Bay Colony Elementary, Children’s Choice Child Care, Dickinson BBQ Co., Dickinson High School, Dunbar Middle School, Hughes Elementary, McAdams Junior High, Silbernagel Elementary, First United Methodist Church, Little’s BBQ Mobile Unit

Friendswood: Children’s Lighthouse, Kandiland Day School, Wedgewood Elementary, Zu Bales Intermediate

Galveston: Bouldin’s Bundle of Bears, Courtyard Café, Fresh Market Catering, Galveston College Culinary Arts Lab, Galveston County Senior Citizens Center, Galveston Island Child Development Center, Alamo Elementary, Ball High School, Central Middle School, Charles B. Scott Elementary, GCCAC Ziegler Head Start,

Gladnieo Parker Elementary, L.A. Morgan Elementary, Koala Kare Day Care, Mermaid & Dolphin Bed and Breakfast, Moody Gardens Aquarium Food Court, Our Daily Bread, Palms M&M, Peak Nutrition Center, St. Vincent's House, Tide Way Lodge, TLC Residential Housing, The Tremont House, Wal-Mart Supercenter Meat/Seafood Dept.

High Island: High Island School Cafeteria

Hitchcock: El Sombrero Restaurant, Stewart Elementary, Our Lady of Lourdes School, Harborwalk Ships Store (Pelicans Roost), Harborwalk Yacht Club (Spoonbills) Restaurant

La Marque: Brooks Catering, Children's Playhouse, Early Childhood Learning Center, Galveston County Dept. of Parks and Senior Services, Highlands Elementary, La Marque High School, Primo Pizzeria, Star Kids Education & Care Center, Start Smart #3, Village Pizza & Seafood, Wal-Mart Supercenter Meat/Seafood Dept.

League City: Bay Area Christian School, Creative Corners, H.E.B. Grocery Dept., Just for Kids Learning Center, Kid City, Kids R Kids, League City Elementary, Randall's Grocery and Meat Dept., South Shore Country Day School, St. Mary's Catholic School, The School Zone

Santa Fe: R.J. Wollam Elementary, Santa Fe Elementary North, Santa Fe Elementary South, Santa Fe High School, Santa Fe Intermediate School, Santa Fe Junior High

Texas City: Ashton Park Care Center, Fork & Spoon Coffee Shop, LMC Child Development Center, Blocker Middle School, Kohfeldt-Fry School, Northside Elementary, Simms Elementary

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