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## MEDIA RELEASE

## **Health Department Seeking Nominations for** 2024 Public Health Champion Awards

Topeka, Kan. - The Shawnee County Health Department (SCHD) is issuing a Call for Nominations regarding its Annual Public Health Champion Awards. The 2024 Public Health Champion Awards will recognize one individual and one organization that have made outstanding contributions to our community by championing and leading equitable opportunities for health across the Topeka/Shawnee County community.

The concept of this award is to encourage individuals and organizations to take action by supporting opportunities for health for everyone. Actions include for example: getting involved in local health policy initiatives, volunteering time, donating to worthy causes, or even creating sustainable environmental changes.

"With so much outstanding work happening in the realm of public health, we think it is important to recognize those individuals and organizations that are acting as public health leaders improving the places that we live, work and play in Topeka and Shawnee County," said SCHD Director Teresa Fisher.

The nomination survey can be completed at the following link and can also be found on the SCHD Webpage and social media channels: Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

## 2024 Public Health Champion Nomination Form

Nominations will be evaluated by the Leadership Team of the SCHD. The award recipients will be selected based on demonstrated achievements toward improving the underlying social and economic conditions which support health. Award recipients will be honored at an awards ceremony as part of the Annual Community Conversation on the County Health Rankings May 15, 2024

Paper forms of the nomination forms are available by request. For more information regarding the 2024 Public Health Champion Award, please contact Craig Barnes, Division Manager of Community Health Outreach and Planning at 785.251.5612 or craig.barnes@snco.us.

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Shawnee County Health Department is committed to working in partnership with our community to promote and protect the optimal health of all people by bridging gaps to eliminate health inequities through adaptive and innovative processes while respecting the diversity of our community.

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