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Celebrating 20 Years of Eau Claire Healthy Communities

EAU CLAIRE, WI – APRIL 21, 2016 – At this year's *Eau Claire Health Community Annual Celebration*, the Eau Claire Healthy Communities coalition will highlight and celebrate their achievements over the past 20 years.

All community members are invited to attend the celebration from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 28th, at the CVTC Energy Education Center West Campus, 4000 Campus Road Eau Claire, WI 54703. Healthy Communities will be presenting the *Eau Claire Healthy Communities Champion Award*, an award given to an individual and organization in recognition of their extraordinary efforts to promote healthy living in the Eau Claire community. The celebration will also feature an interactive session for attendees to learn about local and state health disparities and the action we can take towards eliminating them.

"We know that identifying and understanding disparities is the first step in prevention and will help us achieve our mission of *everyone living longer, better*," stated Maribeth Woodford, Co-Chair of Eau Claire Healthy Communities.

From the development of the Family Resource Center for Eau Claire County to providing suicide prevention training to over 760 community members, Eau Claire Healthy Communities has helped improve the lives of many of our Eau Claire residents. Currently, over 200 diverse partners from across the county are actively engaged and work together to make a real difference on identified health priorities of:

- Chronic disease prevention
- Healthy relationship promotion
- High risk drinking prevention
- Mental health
- Oral health promotion

Register online for the celebration at: <https://healthycommunitiescelebration.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please visit www.ehealthycommunities.org.

The celebration is sponsored by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Group Health Cooperative of Eau Claire, HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, Marshfield Clinic, Mayo Clinic Health System and United Way of the Greater Chippewa Valley.

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