

Congratulations 2015 Health Heroes!

Carmen Babb

“Carmen owns and operates the Psychiatric Behavioral Health Clinic/ Twin Falls Health Care. She is being recognized for providing amazing services to the community. Carmen has also been instrumental in facilitating her business to become one of SCPHD Women’s Health Check providers. She is commended for her willingness to make Women’s Health Check trainings available to all her staff. Carmen is a 2015 Health Hero for being in the business of helping people reach not just physical health, but also emotional health and for helping public health spread the importance of the Women’s Health Check services.”

Nominated by Nancy Anshewiti

Dr. Jonathan Tripp

“Dr. Tripp is known for being an extremely dedicated and knowledgeable doctor, along with being incredibly caring about his patients and their families. He successfully manages to focus on one patient at a time, making that person feel important. Dr. Tripp and his staff are courteous and kind. His amazing standard of care sets him apart and made him a 2015 Health Hero.”

Nominated by Joann Habbaba

Dr. Cory Christensen

“Dr. Christensen is an amazing Physical Therapist full of respect and compassion for his patients. He is passionate about helping people get back to themselves after surgeries. Dr. Christensen is willing to put a lot of time and energy into bettering the physical health of his patients while giving them back their independence. He has a great personality and knowledge of patient care, that is why he is a 2015 Health Hero.”

Nominated by Elaine Thompson

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Amalgamated Sugar Company

“In the interest of the health of their employees, in the fall of 2014, the Amalgamated Sugar Company proposed a corporation-wide tobacco free policy. This would prohibit the use of cigarettes, smokeless tobacco and e-cigarettes on all Amalgamated property, including beet piles. In South Central Idaho, this would include the Paul and Twin Falls sugar plants (over 1,200 employees) and several beet piles.

In coordination with corresponding Health Districts (Southwest District, South Central District and Eastern District), a policy was drafted. The Idaho Tobacco Prevention Program provided signage for all plants and beet piles in the state.

After negotiation with the Bakery, Confectionary, Tobacco Workers & Grain Millers Union, it was decided that the policy will be effective as of April 2016. In the meantime, SCPHD offered free, onsite cessation classes to the Paul Plant staff. In January 2015, three classes were offered. Employees were allowed to participate “on the clock” at the beginning or end of their shifts.

Fifteen employees participated in the cessation classes. Five employees quit smoking completely and the other 10 considerably reduced their use. Free classes will be offered again in early 2016 in preparation for implementation of the new policy.

We recognize the Amalgamated Sugar Company for their amazing dedication to creating a healthy workforce.”

Nominated by Linda F. Montgomery

