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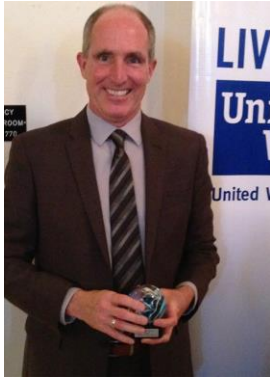
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Re: United Way Honors Weld Employees

UNITED WAY HONORS COUNTY EMPLOYEES AT LUNCHEON

WELD COUNTY, CO – Two Weld County employees, Dr. Mark Wallace (Executive Director of the Health Department for Weld County), and Karin Crandall (Community Outreach Specialist for the Department of Human Services), were honored today during the United Way of Weld County’s 2014 Celebration of Excellence luncheon.



“We are very proud of Dr. Mark Wallace and Karin Crandall for being recognized as leaders in our community,” said Commissioner Chairman Douglas Rademacher. “All our employees work to make Weld County a great place to live, and it’s wonderful to see that work recognized.”

Dr. Wallace was one of five people honored with the Community Impact Advocate Award. He was recognized for his commitment to excellence in advancing health in Weld County through his role as Director of the Weld County Health Dept., and also in his role spearheading the formation of the North Colorado Medical Alliance. The Weld County Health Dept. was one of three founding partners of the North Colorado Medical Alliance, which formed nearly 14 years ago.



“We’ve created a tremendous partnership and we’ve made positive impacts in the community. We believe those efforts have been effective,” said Dr. Wallace, speaking about the North Colorado Medical Alliance. “We’re very focused on what we call generating health, from the standpoint that health underpins economic vitality. We’ve said one of the ways health can contribute to a thriving Weld County is that kids can achieve in school and healthy adults can work.”

Throughout his time as Director of the Health Department, Dr. Wallace has helped increase health care availability to women and children through increased vaccinations and other resources.

Crandall was honored as the Health and Human Services Professional of the Year. Through her position at Human Services, Crandall works with local non-profits to eliminate duplication of services and to make sure county resources such as public assistance, food assistance, cash assistance and Medicaid are being utilized and made available to clients.

“Working for Weld County Human Services and having the opportunity to assist the community agencies and the clients’ needs is a very rewarding career,” Crandall said. “I’m extremely honored to be recognized by community agencies for the work I do in our community. I’m also extremely appreciative of our county commissioners, director and administrator for giving me the opportunity to go into the community and work with the agencies.”

Top: Weld County Director of the Weld County Department of Health. Bottom: Karin Crandall, Weld County Department of Human Services.

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