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Commissioners Nominate Healthy Tusc for National Award

The Tuscarawas County Board of Commissioners are nominating Healthy Tusc for the 2019 Dr. Nathan Davis Award. Recognized nationally, the Dr. Nathan Davis Awards are one of the most prestigious honors extended to individuals and organizations for outstanding endeavors advancing public health. The awards, founded in 1989 and named after Dr. Nathan Davis who was the founder of the American Medical Association (AMA), seek to recognize those who have made significant contributions promoting the art and science of medicine and the betterment of public health.

Because of the hard work and dedication Healthy Tusc has demonstrated in the area, the Commissioners are proud to nominate Healthy Tusc for the Outstanding Non-Governmental Public Service Award. Inaugurated in 2017, the non-governmental service award recognizes those organizations that are not directly part of a government agency or not an individual who holds a government office.

Healthy Tusc is a collaborative effort of community partners promoting policy, environmental, and system changes, across the community and state, and in turn increasing access to healthy food and physical activity in the area. Healthy Tusc seeks to:

- Create an environment for safe physical activity
- Increased access to healthy food in physical activity in the community
- Empowering individuals through education, especially children, to make the right decisions regarding their health and nutrition
- Allowing families to be healthier by encouraging parents to be healthier at work
- Establish healthier vending options in public areas
- Create and promote public awareness of the mission of Healthy Tusc

Healthy Tusc has been an active member in the community demonstrated by its continued dedication to events and activities such as the:

- United Way Color Run and Rock N Run
- Healthy Kids Day at the YMCA
- Holding health screenings at the Tuscarawas County Health Department
- Sponsoring events such as the YMCA and Harbor House golf outings
- Encouraging county-wide walking programs such as the Walk to School program and holding hikes at TUSCParks trails and parks
- Initiating the Tuscarawas County Farmers Markets
- Hosting the 2011 Healthy Tusc Summit: Building a healthier Community Together

Invited by the AMA to submit nominations for the award, Commissioner Chris Abbuhl said that “since its founding, Healthy Tusc has routinely demonstrated a strong commitment to the betterment of public health and the development of nutritional and physical activities here in Tuscarawas County. Because of this dedication and outstanding service to our community, we are proud to nominate Healthy Tusc for this prestigious honor.”