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Public Health Month- April 2015

Health Department Celebrates Public Health Month

BURLINGTON- With 77 years of public health service to the residents of Alamance County, the Alamance County Health Department is proud to celebrate Public Health Month. The health department has contributed a vast amount of essential services to those who live in Alamance County and has made it a mission to protect and improve the public's health. The month of April is designated as Public Health Month, as proclaimed today by the Alamance County Commissioners; a time set aside to raise awareness of the role that public health professionals play in preventing disease and promoting healthy choices. It is also seen as a time to recognize the contributions of public health by public health professionals.

Since 1999, Alamance County has seen a 41% decrease in teen pregnancy rates, a 31% decrease in cardiovascular disease and a 24% decrease in infant mortality. These are all great improvements which need to be celebrated. "Public Health Month provides an opportunity for us locally, to celebrate and create public awareness of the vital role public health plays in our everyday lives," said Health Director Stacie Saunders.

The public health profession is composed of a variety of disciplines including, but not limited to, nurses, health educators, epidemiologists, environmental health specialists, medical doctors, social workers, clerical staff, dental professionals, nutritionists and a multitude of others working together as a team to ensure that the community is free of disease and injury and can continue to live a quality life.

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