NOMINATIONS SOUGHT FOR LOCAL “COMMUNITY HEALTH HEROES”

The Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO) and the North Country Health Compass Partners are now accepting online nominations for the 2019 Community Health Hero Award.

WATERTOWN – The Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization (FDRHPO) and the North Country Health Compass Partners are asking residents of Jefferson, Lewis and St. Lawrence counties to nominate an individual in their neighborhood who they consider to be a “Community Health Hero.”

Anyone who has demonstrated outstanding public service and a commitment to improving the health and wellness of their community can be nominated, and one individual from each county will be chosen to receive the 2019 Community Health Hero Award.

All nominees must...
- live, work, or volunteer in Jefferson, Lewis or St. Lawrence County.
- be striving to improve health and wellness.
- demonstrate an exceptional level of compassion, effort and achievement.

A Community Health Hero could be a neighbor, loved one, retired citizen, physician, nurse, healthcare provider, patient advocate, or anyone else in the community! Citizens are encouraged to think outside the box and nominate someone who might not always get recognized for the work they do.

Community members may submit one nomination for consideration. Volunteers from the North Country Health Compass Partners will then select a recipient from each of the counties (3 awards total) based on the following factors: relation to health and wellness; scope of impact; depth of impact; social influence; volunteerism; and uniqueness. Recipients will be honored in the days surrounding November 21, 2019 – National Rural Health Day.

Nomination forms can be found online at www.fdrhpo.org/health-hero. All nominations must be submitted by September 30, 2019.

For more information, contact Rural Health Program Manager Pat Fontana at pfontana@fdrhpo.org.

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About the Fort Drum Regional Health Planning Organization
FDRHPO works to strengthen the system for health for the integrated Fort Drum and civilian community through analysis, identification of needs and leveraging of resources to fill gaps through innovation and collaboration. For more about FDRHPO, visit www.fdrhpo.org.

About the North Country Health Compass Partners
The North Country Health Compass Partners is a collaborative of local hospitals, public health agencies, behavioral healthcare providers, prevention councils, educational institutions, insurance providers, and community-based organizations that meets monthly to discuss, brainstorm and review the community’s population health priorities. The Health Compass Partners also serve as the steering committee for a regional health data website maintained by FDRHPO, which contains interactive charts, graphs, and dashboards for all the region’s population health priority areas. It can be accessed at www.ncnyhealthcompass.org.