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## **ODH AIDS AWARENESS WEEK COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SERVICE AWARDS**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Department of Health (ODH), HIV CARE Services Section (HCS), AIDS Awareness Week Committee will present three volunteer and three professional awards at a banquet during the Leadership 2005 Conference on April 25 at the Midwest Hotel (formerly the Ramada Plaza Hotel) in Columbus. The Ohio HIV/AIDS Service Awards are awarded to volunteers and professionals who have provided outstanding service. These awards recognize the efforts of individuals in all areas of HIV/AIDS and highlight those who have provided significant contributions to diminish the impact of HIV/AIDS in Ohio.

May 1-7, 2005, is Ohio AIDS Awareness Week (AAW). AAW is a time for people to come together to increase public awareness of HIV/AIDS. It is a part of a continuing effort to promote actions at an individual, group and community level to reduce the impact and spread of HIV/AIDS and improve the care and treatment of those with HIV/AIDS. An ideal outcome of the activities associated with this year's AAW is the ongoing presence of community activism in the areas of HIV/AIDS care and prevention.

The Leadership 2005 Conference, sponsored by the Ohio AIDS Coalition (OAC) and ODH, will be held April 25 and 26, 2005, at the Midwest Hotel, in Columbus. Please contact Kevin Sullivan at OAC (614) 444-1683 or (800) 226-5554 for details.

The following is a list of service award recipients:

### **Volunteer Category**

**Lynn Kidd-Freeman (Columbus)** – Kidd-Freeman is a member of the Adult AIDS Clinical Trials Group (AACTG)/Community Constituency Group and the OSU Community Advisory Board. She has also been involved with the Ohio AIDS Coalition and the Central Ohio HIV Consortium. For more information, contact Kidd-Freeman at (614) 372-0360.

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**Father Barry Chu Eneh (Columbus)** – Father Eneh is the founder of First Love, Inc., an organization to help AIDS orphans and children with the disease. He has worked with the Columbus AIDS Task Force, Children’s Hospital, the Columbus Health Department, the Association of African and African-American Support Council of Ministers and the Association of Independent Clinics in Nigeria. For information, contact Father Eneh at (614) 252-2941.

**Joe Jares (Columbus)** – Jares is a Columbus AIDS Task Force board member and Food Pantry coordinator. He is an active member of the Columbus Regional Advisory Group and has served as Community Advisory Board chair for the AIDS Clinical Trial Unit at The Ohio State University. For information, contact Jares at (614) 445-6732.

### **Professional Category**

**Christie Clinton (Toledo)** – Clinton is a consumer advocate for the Medical College of Ohio (MCO). She has worked with the Toledo/Lucas Co. Health Department, Planned Parenthood and numerous support groups. For information, contact Clinton at (419) 383-4328.

**Clarence Johnson (Dayton)** – Johnson organized the Dayton Minority AIDS Coalition and the African-American forum on AIDS. He has also worked with the AIDS Prevention Committee, Miami Valley/Dayton Consortium #4 and the Tennessee State University Alumni Association. For information, contact Johnson at (937) 225-5700.

**Haig Donabedian, MD (Toledo)** – Donabedian is an infectious diseases specialist at MCO. He is one of the founding and current members of the MCO Interdisciplinary AIDS Resource Team. He was the first physician board member of David’s House Compassion and a past physician member of the Toledo Visiting Nurse Service. For information, contact Donabedian at (419) 383-4328.

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