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Taney County Health Department Announces 2024 Public Health Champion
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The Taney County Health Department (TCHD) Public Health Champion Award is presented annually as part of National Public Health Week, celebrated the first full week of April. This year's Public Health Champion award is proudly presented to Christian Action Ministries (CAM).

A portion of the nomination CAM received reads: “CAM has fought against food insecurity in Taney County for 40 years. Their Neighbor 2 Neighbor (N2N) program gets local community groups involved to provide mobile food distribution sites throughout Taney County. Last July, fierce winds knocked out power to the Ridgcrest Apartment complex for over a day. This community is served by the N2N program and the groceries they had recently received spoiled in the summer heat. CAM was contacted by the N2N program, and another grocery distribution was provided. Christian Action Ministries is not just a food pantry, it fosters a sense of community. CAM helps fill stomachs and hearts.”

The Public Health Champion award recognizes organizations, agencies, and individuals who contribute to the health of the community. Nominated by TCHD staff, managers, and board members, the nominees must meet at least one of the following criteria:

- Provides leadership in efforts to reduce health inequalities
- Fosters collaboration to improve the health of the population
- Builds community capacity through innovative health promotion strategies
- Achieves impact by acting as a catalyst for positive change

The staff of the TCHD would like to thank CAM for all their dedication throughout the past year in supporting the public health needs of the community. Congratulations on this much deserved award.

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