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Tobacco Free Sarpy Recognizes Community Leaders

Papillion – Tobacco Free Sarpy recognized community leaders who have taken leadership roles in creating a healthier, safer, tobacco-free Sarpy County on Thursday, April 15, 2010.

In an event held at Alegent Health Midlands Hospital, the coalition recognized:

Senator Tim Gay: Tobacco Free Sarpy Senator of the Year

Region Six Behavioral Health: Tobacco Free Sarpy Partner of the Year Lt. Russ Zeeb: Tobacco Free Sarpy Law Enforcement Officer of the Year

Kinesha Roach: Tobacco Free Sarpy Volunteer of the Year

"Tobacco Free Sarpy members realize the importance of honoring individuals and organizations that help to address the coalition's goals," said Joan Friedman, Tobacco Free Sarpy Coordinator.

"These tobacco-free champions have helped make Sarpy County a healthier place for all who live and visit here," added Friedman.

Tobacco Free Sarpy is a coalition of health-related organizations, educational and community groups, and individuals. Its mission is to promote and to advocate for healthy tobacco-free lifestyles through public policy, education and enforcement in order to empower the community to advocate for the reduction of tobacco use by changing norms. For more information, visit www.tobaccofreesarpy.org.

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Photo attached: From left to right, Senator Tim Gay and Lt. Russ Zeeb

