

## Press Release

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### **COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTRE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF INNOVATION AND EXCELLENCE IN ORAL HEALTH**

*Hamilton, ON* – Hamilton Urban Core Community Health Centre announced today that it will be hosting a Dinner and Awards Presentation to celebrate its award winning Community Oral Health Program on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.

In addition to marking ten years of providing oral health services in the inner city of Hamilton, the Centre will be recognizing select community agencies, groups and individuals who have partnered with them and supported the Community Oral Health Program since its inception. “The individuals and families who come to our Community Oral Health Program do not otherwise have access to the oral health care and services they need,” commented Haidar Farran, Hamilton Urban Core’s Community Oral Health Program Coordinator. “With our program” Farran asserts “we can help people to improve their overall health and connect them with other services or resources through our community partnerships and linkages.”

The Dinner and Awards Presentation will be held in the Grand Ballroom at the Sheraton Hamilton Hotel on King Street. Invited guests include elected officials from all levels of government, representatives from Hamilton’s two major school boards, numerous community agencies and cultural associations, as well as from the City of Hamilton, Public Health Department and the Hamilton Niagara Haldimand Brant LHIN.

“This is a tremendous milestone for our Oral Health Program,” says Denise Brooks, Executive Director for Hamilton Urban Core. “With very little resources and basically no funding we have been able to address one of the most pressing health concerns to thousands in our community.”

Located in the heart of Hamilton at the corner of Rebecca and John, Hamilton Urban Core has been providing the highest quality primary health care services, community programs, health promotion and advocacy to individuals and families for 12 years.

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