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Honoring Our Voices: How Communities Can Leverage the Power of Story

Eau Claire Healthy Communities Annual Celebration

Eau Claire, WI – April 25, 2017 –This year's *Eau Claire Healthy Communities Annual Celebration* will feature an interactive session for attendees to learn about how they can use story as a tool for building healthier communities.

All community members are invited to attend the celebration from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursday, April 27th, at the CVTC Business Education Center, 620 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54703. In addition to the storytelling training, Healthy Communities will be presenting the *Eau Claire Healthy Communities Champion Award*, an award given to an individual and organization in recognition of their extraordinary efforts to promote healthy living in the Eau Claire community. There will be a presentation of an *Award of Excellence* in memory of a local community organizer.

“Story is an easy to use, powerful tool to help people develop a message that will connect with their listener and deliver a message that will move stakeholders to action,” states Maribeth Woodford, Co-Chair of Eau Claire Healthy Communities.

From the development of the Family Resource Center for Eau Claire County to providing suicide prevention training to over 1000 community members, Eau Claire Healthy Communities has helped improve the lives of many of our Eau Claire residents. Currently, over 200 diverse partners from across the county are actively engaged and work together to make a real difference on identified health priorities of:

- Chronic disease prevention
- Healthy relationship promotion
- High risk drinking prevention
- Mental health
- Oral health promotion

Register online for the celebration at: <https://healthycommunitiescelebration2017.eventbrite.com>

For more information, please visit www.ehealthycommunities.org.

The celebration is sponsored by the Eau Claire City-County Health Department, Eau Claire YMCA, HSHS Sacred Heart Hospital, Marshfield Clinic, and Mayo Clinic Health System.

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