



CLOSING THE GAP AWARD

“The greatest form of injustice is the inequality in healthcare.”
—Dr. Martin Luther King

Inequalities in healthcare that affect some racial/ethnic populations in our community ultimately affect us all. To recognize a person or program that has made a significant contribution toward addressing health disparities in Lincoln/Lancaster County, Nebraska, the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln (CHE) will present the ***Closing the Gap Award*** each year.

The ***Closing the Gap Award*** criteria for nomination and selection are:

- A) The nominee has demonstrated leadership and vision in addressing health disparities in Lincoln/Lancaster County, Nebraska. In doing so, the nominee has challenged the status quo, influenced policy, and/or raised awareness of the health disparities that exist in our community;
- B) The nominee’s contribution has resulted in a reduction of one or more health disparities in Lincoln/Lancaster County, Nebraska. This contribution is supported by evidence that ethnic/minority persons have greater access to health care services and/or improved health outcomes.
- C) The nominee is a resident of Lincoln or Lancaster County.

Any person or agency closely associated with the nominee and their accomplishments may submit a nomination. Nominations must be submitted on an official nomination form. The form can be found attached or at www.CHELincoln.org. Posthumous nominations will be accepted.

The ***Closing the Gap Award*** will be presented at the CHE Annual meeting in June 2007.

The vision of the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln is, “to make Lincoln the healthiest community in the nation.” To accomplish its vision CHE, funds health related projects and convenes stakeholders to enhance the delivery of health services in Lincoln, Nebraska. Since its inception in 1998, the Community Health Endowment has invested nearly \$9 million into projects aimed at improving the health of Lincoln residents.