

**Item Title:** Recognition of Recent Awards

**Specific Action Requested:**

**That the Board of Commissioners recognizes recent award winners.**

**Item Summary:**

**Dale Threatt-Taylor Honored with National Leadership Award**

Wake Soil and Water Conservation District Director Dale Threatt-Taylor was recently presented with the 2016 Soil and Water Conservation Society (SWCS) President's Leadership Award.

The SWCS President's Leadership Award recognizes exemplary assistance to the organization's president in carrying out the goals and objectives of the conservation society. Threatt-Taylor accepted the award on behalf of the Hugh Hammond Bennett North Carolina Chapter of the SWCS, of which she serves as president.

Threatt-Taylor and her team were honored for their hard work and dedication to advancing and promoting soil and water conservation districts in North Carolina on an international level.

**Yvonne Torres Named LGBT Center of Raleigh's 2016 Community Impact Award Honoree**

Earlier this month, the LGBT Center of Raleigh honored HIV/STD Community Program Manager Yvonne Torres with the 2016 Community Impact Award. The award recognizes Torres' 25 years of service in public health, and particularly her work to expand access to HIV and STD testing in the LGBT community.

When Yvonne started working for the HIV/STD Program, the only place individuals could get free testing for HIV and STDs was at the County's health department. When she became the HIV/STD Program Manager she expanded that service to provide remote, community testing throughout the County. Today, there are more than 20 different places across Wake County – including the LGBT Center of Raleigh – where individuals can be tested for HIV and STDs.

**Wake County Recognized For Educating Foster Youth on STDs, HIV and Pregnancy**

Wake County recently received the GlaxoSmithKline Local Health Department Recognition Award for its efforts to provide the education and resources its foster youth would need to make the choices that would lead them to a bright future.

The Public Health and Child Welfare divisions partnered to deliver the Making Proud Choices! (MPC) curriculum to the youth participating in Wake County's LINKS foster youth program. MPC provides adolescents with the knowledge, confidence and skills necessary to reduce their risk of STDs, HIV and pregnancy through abstinence or safe sex. The GSK award includes a \$5,000 grant which will be used to train additional staff to deliver the MPC curriculum.

A list of awards and recognitions can be found at  
[wakegov.com/awards/Lists/Recognitions/AllItems.aspx](http://wakegov.com/awards/Lists/Recognitions/AllItems.aspx).

**Attachments:**

None