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Portage County Health Department honors Dr. Kenneth Rupp as 2011 Friends of Public Health Award Recipient

The Friends of Public Health Award is given to individuals who demonstrate commitment to the health of Portage County residents through actions that prove leadership or advocacy regarding issues that impact the health and safety of Portage County residents.

The Portage County Health Department recognized Dr. Kenneth Rupp as 2011 Friends of Public Health Award recipient at the annual Portage County Health Department Advisory Council Meeting. The meeting was held on March 26, 2012 at the Ravenna Elks Lodge. Dr. Rupp's daughters, Joan Rupp and Patricia Breedlove were present to accept the award on behalf of their father.

Dr. Rupp served the residents of Portage County by working at the health department for 43 years, serving as health commissioner for 27 of those years and a member of the Board of Health for 14 years. He was a physician in private practice for more than forty years in the city of Streetsboro. Dr. Rupp was active in numerous endeavors including the Portage County Medical Society, the Robinson Memorial Hospital's Infection Control Credentials Committee, the Streetsboro Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Association of Health Commissioners, the Knights of Columbus, and the Lion's Club. In addition, he served as a volunteer firefighter, a member of the Streetsboro Board of Education, a team physician for the Streetsboro School District and was an active member of the St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church.

Dr. Rupp's family was also presented with posthumous awards by State Representative Kathleen Clyde and President of the County Commissioners Chris Smeiles. Additional awards and proclamations from Senator Sherrod Brown, House Representative Tim Ryan, and Senator Tom Sawyer were also presented for Dr. Rupp's lifetime of dedicated service to Portage County.



Pictured: Jim Eskridge, Kathleen Clyde, DuWayne Porter, Joan Rupp, and Patricia Breedlove



Pictured: Dale Miller, Robert Palmer, Joan Rupp, Patricia Breedlove, Robert Howard, Bonnie Bailey, James Bierlair, and DuWayne Porter