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IPHCA Honors Community Health Center Champion Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky

CHICAGO, IL – Yesterday, the Illinois Primary Health Care Association (IPHCA) was pleased to honor Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky of the 9th district for her exceptional leadership and efforts in support of community health centers and underserved areas.

IPHCA presented the 2022 Distinguished Community Health Center Advocate Award at Heartland Health Center’s Rogers Park location on Devon Avenue on Chicago’s north side. IPHCA and its member health centers are thankful for the Congresswoman's longstanding commitment to healthcare issues, including protections for the 340B prescription drug discount program, support for the federal Community Health Center Program, and assistance to providers during the COVID-19 pandemic.

“There has been no better champion than the Congresswoman of Heartland Health Centers and our community health center partners,” said Nicole Willis, Chief Executive Office at Heartland. “At every turn, she has been there to ensure that we can enhance and expand access to high-quality, comprehensive health care to our patients; many of whom have incomes at or below poverty and are uninsured, and without us would not have health care.”

"From COVID-19 testing and vaccinations to using telehealth to reach the community, our nation’s community health centers have been on the frontlines to keep Americans safe and healthy," said Congresswoman Schakowsky. “I’m grateful for the 54 community health organizations and over 400 sites in Illinois that serve nearly 1.5 million Illinoisans annually. Community health centers represent an important part of our nation’s public health infrastructure. Everyone, no matter ability to pay, insurance coverage, or immigration status, deserves access to quality health care.”

The award was presented by the IPHCA on behalf of their national affiliate, the National Association for Community Health Centers (NACHC).

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The Illinois Primary Health Care Association is a nonprofit trade association that serves as the voice of and champion for all 53 Illinois community health centers which serve over 1.5 million patients annually across more than 400 service sites in underserved areas across our state’s rural, urban, and suburban communities.

