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**Heartland Community Health Clinic CMO,  
Dr. Gregg Stoner, receives National Award**

**Administrative Headquarters, Peoria Illinois, September 23, 2014** – Heartland Community Health Clinic (HCHC) announced Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Gregg Stoner, recently received a national award for the recognition of the 2014 NACHC Health Professions Education and Training Award. This award gives recognition to an individual who has been outstanding in furthering education and training programs for health professionals at community-based health centers.

Heartland Community Health Clinic has served as a teaching site for medical assistants, nurses, pre-med students, nurse practitioners, physician assistants, medical students, residents and even fellows.

Dr. Stoner joined Heartland Community Health Clinic as a volunteer physician in 1981, and his involvement has included serving on the Governing Board, a Member, as well as President, of the Board of Directors in 1997-1998. He has served as Chief Medical Officer since 2006.

Dr. Stoner stated, “This has been such an important part of Heartland that the board expanded its mission to include ‘health professions education’.” Stoner further shared, “I am humbled to receive this award, and accept it on behalf of all those who have made this academic collaboration a reality.”



### About NACHC

To address the widespread lack of access to basic health care, Community Health Centers serve over 22 million people at more than 9,000 sites located throughout all 50 states and U.S. territories. Health centers depend in large part on public financial help and need a unified voice and common source for research, information, training and advocacy.

To address these needs, the National Association of Community Health Centers (NACHC) organized in 1971. NACHC works with a network of state health center and primary care organizations to serve health centers in a variety of ways:

- Provide research-based advocacy for health centers and their clients.
- Educate the public about the mission and value of health centers.
- Train and provide technical assistance to health center staff and boards.
- Develop alliances with private partners and key stakeholders to foster the delivery of primary health care services to communities in need.

### About HCHC

Heartland Community Health Clinic (HCHC) has been in operation since 2004, as a federally designated community health center. It began as an example of how a community addresses a growing concern: lack of access to health care, ineligible for programs, or no health care. **The Mission Statement: We provide accessible, high quality, comprehensive primary health care for the medically underserved, regardless of ability to pay, and conduct high quality programs in health professions education through collaborative partnerships.** For information, news and events visit [heartlandchc.org](http://heartlandchc.org).

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