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Local Health Center Staff Members Honored for Distinguished Service

At the Michigan Primary Care Association's (MPCA) 31st Annual Awards ceremony held October 12, 2010, the non-profit association representing Community Health Centers honored two members of Cassopolis Family Clinic's team for their distinguished service.

The MPCA Distinguished Service Award honors commitment, dedication, and outstanding service on behalf of Michigan Community Health Center patients.

"Cassopolis Family Clinic is proud that Dr. Neil See and Patty Wiggins were recognized for their exemplary service, helping to ensure that residents of Cass County and Southeastern Berrien County have access to quality, comprehensive, affordable health care," said Mary Middleton, Executive Director, Cassopolis Family Clinic. "Their leadership, expertise, and dedication to quality health care make them valuable members of the Cassopolis Family Clinic team, and model Community Health Center staff members."

Dr. See has practiced family medicine in the Cassopolis community for over 35 years, serving as Cassopolis Family Clinic's Medical Director since 1997. Over his career, he has impacted thousands of lives.

"Cassopolis is a better place because of Dr. See's dedication to his patients and the community," said Middleton.

Patty Wiggins has worked as a registered nurse at Cassopolis Family Clinic for 23 years. She consistently demonstrates a high level of expertise in the performance of nursing duties, is a team leader, and educates diabetic patients about how they can effectively manage the disease.

Cassopolis Family Clinic provides health care to residents of Cass and Southeastern Berrien Counties. It is one of Michigan's 31 Community Health Center organizations that together operate over 160 sites across the state, providing care to nearly 600,000 patients each year regardless of insurance status or income. They are part of a nationwide network of 1,250 Community Health Centers that 20 million people call their health care home. That number is expected to double within the next five years as \$11 billion in funding under the Affordable Care Act is awarded to Health Centers. Community Health Center services are tailored to meet the unique needs of patients and surrounding communities, providing primary care, dental care, behavioral health care, pharmacy services, and much more.

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About Michigan Primary Care Association

Michigan Primary Care Association has been the voice for Community Health Centers and other community-based providers in Michigan since 1980. It is a leader in building a healthy society in which all residents have convenient and affordable access to quality health care. MPCA's mission is to promote, support, and develop comprehensive, accessible, and affordable quality community-based primary care services to everyone in Michigan. For more information, please visit www.mpca.net or call 517.381.8000.

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