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WIC Releases Citizen-Centric Report

The Springfield-Greene County Health Department Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program is pleased to present a Citizen-Centric report to our community to highlight the importance and service of WIC to our community. WIC is a federally funded program that has been offered through the Springfield-Greene County Health Department since 1977. The mission of WIC is to safeguard the health of women, infants and children who are at nutritional risk, by providing nutritious foods to enhance diets, information on healthy eating and referrals to health care and other community resources.

WIC successfully serves Springfield and surrounding areas by providing a variety of important health related information and resources that help infants and their families with building a strong foundation for children.

The Springfield-Greene County WIC program is also important for our economy. In 2009, WIC generated nearly $7.3 million in grocery sales. Additionally, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, for every $1.00 spent on WIC, an average of $2.45 in health care costs are saved in the first 60 days of an infant's life.

The Citizen-Centric reporting mechanism provides the community with a clear picture of the finances related to government programs. The intent of this report is to improve transparency and accountability of resource allocation for governmental organizations or programs such as WIC. The Springfield-Greene County Health Department seeks to increase community knowledge and trust of local government programs through the use of these reports. The WIC Citizen Centric report lists a variety of accomplishments and hopes for the future of the program.

This report will be available on the Springfield-Greene County Health Department website. Hard copies may be obtained by contacting the WIC office located at Jordan Valley Community Health Center 440 East Tampa Street or by calling 417-851-1581. For more information about this report, please call 417-874-1205.

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