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**“Community Members Invited to Healthy Tusc’s ‘Creating a Thriving Community’ Presentation”**

New Philadelphia— Building a healthier community for Tuscarawas County residents begins with a clear understanding of the community's current health status. In the summer of 2024, the Healthy Tusc consortium conducted a comprehensive survey involving local youth and adults. To share the findings, Healthy Tusc will present “Creating a Thriving Community,” a discussion on the county’s health status, on Thursday, November 21st, from 8 am to 10 am at the Founders Hall at Kent State University Tuscarawas (330 University Dr. NE, New Philadelphia).

Healthy Tusc invites all community leaders to attend this free presentation to learn the most pressing health needs facing county residents. No registration is required, and the event begins with breakfast snacks and beverages at 8 am, followed by the presentation at 8:30 am.

“We’re excited for this opportunity to share the most current data with community leaders,” shared Jennifer Demuth, Healthy Tusc Chairperson. “We warmly welcome representatives from diverse industries and backgrounds, along with elected officials, church leaders, civic club members, educators, and any residents committed to improving the health of county residents to attend this event.”

During the presentation, attendees will gain insight into county health statistics, including rates of obesity, high blood pressure, cancer, and more. The session will also cover behavioral and lifestyle data, shedding light on issues such as alcohol and drug addiction, mental health, and environmental factors impacting residents’ quality of life.

At the end of the presentation, attendees will have the opportunity to share input with Healthy Tusc members about which health needs should be prioritized by local organizations to improve community wellness. All participants will receive access to a summary of the survey findings to support planning within their own organizations or networks.

“Improving health and quality of life are community efforts, and each step we take together brings us closer to a healthier Tuscarawas County,” explained Demuth. “Healthy Tusc is here to help guide the way, but it will take everyone working collectively to create a thriving community and leave a healthy legacy for future generations.”

The event will offer breakfast snacks and beverages provided by Trinity Health System Twin City Medical Center and the Tuscarawas Valley Farmers Market. The 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment project (Creating a Thriving Community) was funded by Empower Tusc, the ADAMHS Board, Cleveland Clinic Union Hospital, Trinity Health System Twin City Medical Center, Tuscarawas County Health Department, Aultman Health System, and the New Philadelphia City Health Department.

Healthy Tusc is a diverse consortium of local health and social services professionals, elected officials, and concerned citizens established to improve health and wellness and overall quality of life for Tuscarawas County residents. To learn more about Healthy Tusc and its partners, follow Healthy Tusc on Facebook or contact Jennifer Demuth, Healthy Tusc Chairperson, at [jdemuth@tchdnow.org](mailto:jdemuth@tchdnow.org).

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