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AREA SCHOOLS RECEIVE ASTHMA FRIENDLY AWARD

Six Chicago area schools received 2006 Asthma Friendly School Awards at the Chicago Asthma Consortium's Summer Quarterly Meeting on June 6.

The awards were presented to schools providing asthma education, adopting asthma-friendly policies and making environmental adjustments to support students with asthma.

In Cook County, more than 120,000 children have been diagnosed with asthma, which is the leading cause of school absenteeism due to a chronic illness among children.

The American Lung Association of Metropolitan Chicago and the American College of CHEST Physicians founded the Chicago Asthma Consortium in 1996.

The following awards were presented:

Gold Award

Chicago International Charter School-Washington Park Campus

110 E. 61st Street

Stephen Taylor, Principal; D. Johnson, School Nurse

Silver Award

George Washington Elementary

3611 E. 114th Street

Craig Ergang, Principal; Lydia Colunga, Counselor

James Hedges Elementary

4747 S. Winchester

Barbara T. Glapa, Principal; Marina Alonso, Community Resource Coordinator;

Asemna Stathopoulos, NCLB Coordinator

Bronze Award

Jane Addams Elementary

10810 S. Avenue H
Noemi L. Esquivel, Principal; Sue Garza, Social Worker

Cristo Rey Jesuit High School
1852 W. 22nd Place
Patricia Garrity, Principal; Molly Grant, School Nurse

Daniel J. Corkery Elementary
2510 S. Kildare
Rita A. Stasi Principal; Bertha Arredonda, Assistant Principal

This effort was coordinated by Amy Miller, Executive Director of Mobile C.A.R.E Foundation, and Dolores Weems, Jr., Project Coordinator for CAACP.

The Chicago Asthma Consortium (CAC) is a coalition of medical and public health professionals, business leaders, government agencies, community activists, and others dedicated to improving the quality of life for people with asthma through information sharing, networking and advocacy. For more information, visit www.chicagoasthma.org.

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