



June, 2010

Dear Faith Leader,

The Office of Faith Based and Community Initiatives (FaithLinks) and the Oklahoma City-County Health Department (OCCHD) have joined forces with the Wellness Now Initiative in an effort to improve the health of citizens in Oklahoma County. We know you understand that physical health touches all aspects of our lives. In order to identify the community's most pressing issues, we will soon begin to assess community needs by distributing a short, 10-question survey. This survey will help us understand which issues the community feels have the greatest impact on our health.

As the leader of your congregation, we need your support to ensure our success. We are requesting that you partner with us by helping distribute the Community Survey to your congregation and gather them up once completed. These surveys, which are anonymous, are letter-size and can be distributed in your foyer and individual classes; or we can fold them in half so they will fit in your bulletins. An additional option for helping promote the survey is to publish the survey link <http://occhd.org/community/wellness-now>. We are hoping to have completed surveys by **August 9, 2010**.

In addition to the Community Survey, your congregation will have another opportunity to share their concerns during one of our upcoming Community Forums. Each forum will last 90 minutes and those present will have the opportunity to share their thoughts regarding health and their community. (Light refreshments will be provided). Community Forums are currently scheduled on July 12, 13, 15, 19, 26, 27, and 29, and will be conducted from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

Thank you so much for your participation. Enclosed is a copy of the community survey for your review.

If you have questions or to participate, contact [John.Kidd@occhd.org](mailto:John.Kidd@occhd.org) (425-4335) or [Claire.Dowers@occhd.org](mailto:Claire.Dowers@occhd.org) (425-4361) and let us know your mailing address and the number of surveys you would need. Thank you so much for your consideration and compassionate concern for our community.

Respectfully,

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