



## News Release

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### **Mother & Child Health Coalition to Honor 25 Shining Stars at Sixth Annual Celebrating Healthy Motherhood Luncheon May 4**

On Tuesday, May 4, Mother & Child Health Coalition will present its sixth annual Celebrating Healthy Motherhood luncheon from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Westin Crown Center.

To commemorate the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Coalition, Mother & Child Health Coalition will honor 25 Shining Stars for their inspiring service to mothers and children in the Kansas City area. This year's featured speaker, Jim "Mr. Stinky Feet" Cosgrove, is an award-winning entertainer, popular with children and parents alike. Dubbed the "Jimmy Buffet of kids," the father of two will speak about what inspires him to make a difference in the lives of children and families. The event will be emceed by Elana Gordon, KCUR health reporter.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased by visiting [www.mchc.net](http://www.mchc.net) or by calling (816) 283-6242, ext. 224. Tables of 10 are available for \$500.

All proceeds from the event benefit Mother & Child Health Coalition. Since 1984, Mother & Child Health Coalition has worked to ensure that Kansas City is a healthy place to live. Together with our community partners, we provide wellness programs—such as prenatal care, immunizations, healthy eating and children's safety—and advocate for excellence in health care for mothers, children and families.

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The 25 Shining Star honorees are:

- Dr. Charles Alexander  
University of Kansas Medical Center
- Alvin Brooks  
Community activist
- Dr. Bill Busch  
North Kansas City Dental Group/Team Smile
- Dr. Jim Caccamo  
Metropolitan Council on Early Learning
- Frances Cofield  
Teenage Parent Center
- Dr. Antoni Diehl  
Turner House Children's Clinic
- David V. Francis  
Heartland Golf Development/community volunteer
- SuEllen Fried  
BullySafeUSA
- Cathy Gordon  
Mercy & Truth Medical Missions
- Adele Hall  
Philanthropist
- Jane Heide  
Rosedale Healthy Kids Initiative
- Dr. Daryl Lynch  
Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics
- Loretta Macek  
Truman Medical Center Teen Prenatal Program
- Dr. Bridget McCandless  
Jackson County Free Health Clinic
- Carolyn McCaul  
Community volunteer
- Dr. William McEachen  
Retired pediatrician/community volunteer
- Mary Kay McPhee  
Community volunteer
- Dr. Randall O'Donnell  
Children's Mercy Hospitals and Clinics
- David Oliver  
Berkowitz Oliver Williams Shaw & Eisenbrandt LLP
- Presiding Commissioner Ed Quick  
Clay County Commission
- Will Shields  
Will to Succeed Foundation
- Martha Staker  
Project EAGLE
- Dr. Teresa Wesley  
Heartland Health Clinic of Platte City
- Dr. Thad Wilson  
University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Nursing
- Senator Yvonne Wilson  
Missouri Senate

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Mother & Child Health Coalition promotes the health of mothers and children through community planning, education, advocacy and collaboration with organizations addressing infant mortality, immunization, childhood obesity, maternal health and child safety.