Community Dental Clinic
A Non Profit Community Dental Health Care Program

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Dear Chancellor Bantz,

I am writing to acknowledge the nomination of the Community Dental Clinic of LaGrange County for the Chancellor's Community Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement. We appreciate being nominated for this award and want to state the value of our partnership with IUPUI. Doctors from IUPUI School of Dentistry (Dr. Brian Sanders) and Riley Hospital (Dr. Amy Shapiro) were instrumental in establishing the clinic and helping it to become an important source of affordable dental care for people in northeastern Indiana, and especially children of the Amish community. IU School of Dentistry faculty members have been on our board of directors since the clinic began eleven years ago. They have been consultants for dental professional issues and have helped to connect us with information and funding opportunities that are extremely important for a not-for-profit dental clinic.

The dental student rotations in the clinic have increased the services that we can provide in the clinic. Children in the community benefited from participating in IUSD's dental sealant study; many of them received dental sealants at no cost when IUSD researchers brought the Seal Mobile to Amish schools to provide exams and sealants. That study was conducted appropriately with input from the community when it was being planned and carried out. We look forward to future research collaborations that are mutually beneficial.

We are grateful for the help that IUPUI has offered to the CDC through the 11 years of its existence. As we look forward to further collaboration in other projects.

Thank you for this nomination. Please let me know if more information is needed. I am writing this on behalf of our Board President who is out on sick leave.

Sincerely,

Dennis Lehman

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Founding Board Member and Past President

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