Indiana

Hemophilia &

Thrombosis

Center, Inc.

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Dr. Charles R. Bantz
Chancellor, IUPUI
355 N. Lansing Street
Indianapolis, IN 46202

Dear Chancellor Bantz:

The intent of this letter is to express our support for the nomination of the Community Dental Clinic (CDC) located in Topeka, IN for the 2011 Chancellor's Community Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement. The Indiana Hemophilia & Thrombosis Center (IHTC) has partnered with the Amish community and the Indiana University School of Dentistry (IUSD) since the late 1990's to establish the CDC and improve services.

The IHTC provides medical care to individuals with bleeding and clotting disorders throughout the state of Indiana and has diagnosed over 200 individuals within the northern Indiana Amish community. Through IHTC outreach activities, we identified significant unmet needs for preventive and acute dental care, and education within the community. The CDC provides the community with an opportunity to access affordable, comprehensive dental services and community-based education.

The CDC employs two dentists, both of whom are IUSD graduates. In addition, the CDC maintains a close relationship with the IUSD through voluntary dental services provided at the CDC by fourth year dental students. This allows IUSD students to gain an understanding of the cultural aspects of the Plain community as well as the ability to perform services in an underserved rural area.

The CDC is a valuable partner of the IHTC providing services and education to our patient population and is deserving of this recognition. Therefore, we respectfully request that the CDC be considered for the Chancellor's Community Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement.

Sincerely,

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