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Tuality honored twice for outstanding community work



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Tuality Healthcare representatives — (from left) Eugene Zurbrugg, board member; Jerralynn Ness, executive director, Community Action; Catherine Crooker, director, Foundation and External Affairs, and Dick Stenson, president & CEO — accept Community Action's 2006 "Outstanding Corporate Partner" award.

Tuality Healthcare was recently honored with awards from two local organizations for its work in strengthening the community's quality of life, human services and business environment.

At the annual Hillsboro 2020 Vision Town Hall event on April 19, Tuality was named as the project's "Outstanding Organization of the Year."

In presenting the award, Hillsboro 2020 noted Tuality's efforts in many of the key aspects of the vision plan. These include establishing the Tuality Learning Tree Day School, supporting the Essential Health Clinic, improving health care access for local resident and providing strong financial and staff-resource support for the 2020 vision process.

Catherine Crooker, director, Foundation and External Affairs, Tuality Healthcare, was pleased to receive the "surprise" honor on Tuality's

behalf. "Upon accepting the award I told them that it is easy to be a good partner in such a great community where all the players step up and are willing to collaborate and do their share," she said.

Just a few days prior, Community Action honored Tuality with its 2006 "Outstanding Corporate Partner" award at an April 14 event held at the Tiger Woods Center on the Nike World Campus near Beaverton.

Each year, Community Action bestows the award on one local business that demonstrates concern for the agency's mission, and exhibits an exemplary attitude and commitment to ongoing involvement and support of the Washington County community.

"For nearly 15 years, Tuality Healthcare has collaborated with Community Action and other health care providers by supporting the Opening Doors program pro-

viding maternity outreach and pregnancy support to low-income women at risk of delivering unhealthy babies," wrote Community Action in its official announcement. "Through the leadership of Dick Stenson, president & CEO, Tuality maintains a deep commitment to underserved populations."

"While money contributions are always welcomed by our community partners, Tuality's relationship with these groups goes well beyond dollars and cents," said Stenson, who also serves on Community Action's board of directors. "Our clinical and nonclinical experts are personally involved, serving on committees and boards, volunteering for direct service and much more.

"We are honored to be so closely connected with such outstanding organizations, and are very grateful for their recognition."