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Ashland Community Health Foundation Presents 2021 Distinguished Service Award to Ashland Resident Karen Drescher

ASHLAND – Ashland Community Health Foundation has chosen Ashland resident Karen Drescher for its 2021 Distinguished Service Award. The Distinguished Service Award is presented to individuals when their service to the community through the foundation has been clearly distinguished by length, intensity, devotion, and significant accomplishment. The foundation has a special place in the awardee’s heart, and their work has resulted in significant accomplishments for ACHF and its mission.

Drescher’s board tenure began in 2013. As a retired registered nurse, she knew how important it was to ensure the health and well-being of the community. In addition to chairing the development committee, she is currently chair of the Evans Nursing Scholarship selection committee.

“To receive this award is really a great honor since I know and respect so many of the past recipients,” Drescher said. “We’ve had such a who’s who of dedicated and impactful honorees over the years, I feel as though I’m in very good company!”

Drescher has embraced the foundation’s expanded focus on innovative and equitable approaches to community health and wellness throughout the Ashland, Talent, and Phoenix communities. “The last two years have ushered in huge changes for the foundation. These were very challenging times but also rewarding,” Drescher recalls. “We turned the challenges into opportunities to expand our focus to benefit a broader community.”

According to ACHF Executive Director Janet Troy, “Our board members give their time and talents freely to help improve the well-being of our community. These individuals bring their varied skills and experiences to the foundation and thoughtfully participate in its governance and guidance. The dedication of our board and volunteers is how we can fulfill our mission of investing resources to improve the health of our Ashland, Talent, and Phoenix communities.”

Ashland Community Health Foundation is a non-profit 501(c)(3) leading philanthropic efforts to advance innovative and equitable approaches to community health and wellness. Contributions to the foundation are tax-deductible and can be made securely through its website or mailed to the office at 123 Clear Creek Drive, Suite 101, Ashland, OR 97520.

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