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SENATOR SCOTT RECEIVES CHILDREN'S CHAMPION AWARD

School-Community Health Alliance recognizes advocacy of school-based health programs

LANSING, Michigan - The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan (SCHA-MI) honored State Senator Martha G. Scott (D-Highland Park) with its Children's Champion Award on February 25. The award is in recognition of Senator Scott's leadership, passion and commitment to the health and well-being of all Michigan children and adolescents, and for her dedication to school-based and school-linked health centers and programs.

Ms. Deborah Riddick, Director of Policy for the SCHA-MI, presented Senator Scott with the award at the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus' Black History Month event, We Are On Our Way, at the State Capitol on February 25.

"Senator Martha G. Scott is a well-respected leader and children's advocate whose support of school-based health centers clearly demonstrates her commitment to Michigan's economic future through the success of its children," Ms. Riddick said. "Because of her visionary leadership, our children's health care safety net remains intact at a time when tough economic challenges threaten to broaden health and educational disparities."

Senator Scott is an ardent supporter of Michigan's school-based and school-linked health centers and programs, and the roles they play in bringing health equity to all of Michigan's children. These health centers are strategically located throughout the state in medically underserved and low-income communities. Access to culturally competent, high-quality primary care through school-based and school-linked health centers is an effective way to reduce health inequities and therefore improve health and educational outcomes for socially disadvantaged children and adolescents.

Other members of the Michigan Legislative Black Caucus honored by the SCHA-MI at the February 25 event were Representative Alma Wheeler Smith, Senator Irma Clark-Coleman and Representative George Cushingberry.

The School-Community Health Alliance of Michigan is a collaboration of individuals and organizations that represent school-based and school-linked health centers and programs throughout the state of Michigan. Through their actions and passion, they

support the belief that all Michigan children and youth have the basic fundamental right to access and receive comprehensive primary health care and prevention services. For more information, visit www.scha-mi.org.

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Senator Scott represents the 2nd Senate District, which includes areas of Detroit and the cities of Hamtramck, Harper Woods, Highland Park and all of the Grosse Pointes. She serves on the Senate Appropriations Committee.