

# Southern Seven Health Department Educator Receives Two Cancer Awards

**Ullin, Illinois, Tuesday, April 19, 2016.** Tricia Moehring, Community Health Education Director, of the Southern Seven Health Department received two cancer related awards from Rudy Bess, Founding Director of The Hope Light Foundation and Co-Chairman of the Illinois Cancer Partnership following the Southern Seven Region Coalition's meeting in Ullin on April 14th.



Left to right above: Teresa Goddard (Fellowship House), Sherri Crabb (Family Counseling Center), Nancy Holt (Southern Seven Health Department), Rudy Bess (Hope Light Foundation), Ruth Heitkamp (SIU School of Medicine), Sharon Voelz (Shawnee Development Council), Cheryl Manus, (Southern Seven Health Department), Marla Groaning (Southern Seven Health Department), Susie Adams (Union County Counseling).

Tricia was presented The Hope Light Foundation's Crystal Lighthouse Award for her "significant accomplishments and enduring dedication to cancer awareness education, both locally and statewide, to help Illinois residents detect cancer early and save lives." She has been involved in several leading edge cancer related projects including piloting the Online Cancer Prevention and Detection Training program developed by the Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and piloting the 2012 colorectal cancer screening campaign locally and launching it state-wide.

Tricia also received a Certificate of Appreciation from the Illinois Cancer Partnership for her "outstanding dedication and lasting contributions to the fight against cancer as a valued member of the Illinois Cancer Partnership." Tricia was actively involved in developing the current Illinois Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan as a task leader for establishing early detection goals, objectives and strategies that involved educating the general public on early cancer detection and cancer screening guidelines.

Tricia will be retiring from the Southern Seven Health Department on May 2, 2016 after 32 years of service to the Southern Seven community.