

Livingston County MRC Takes Home Two 2016 MRC Program Recognition Awards

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Livingston County MRC was one of two units that received the Community Resilience MRC Program Recognition Award, having demonstrated contributions to resilience at the community level in daily unit operations and through involvement in activities and events. Volunteers performed various roles, such as nurses for blood draws, and support staff at lead testing clinics for the Flint Response. With Michigan's new immunization waiver education program and educational requirement for Michigan parents opting out of getting their children vaccinated, the MRC stepped in to support the local health department requirements. MRC volunteers supported the seasonal vaccination effort by providing waiver education, parent consultations, phone bank calls, and scheduling appointments. By advocating, educating, and providing vaccination services to the residents in their community, they are contributing to the community's ability to be more resilient.

The Outstanding Public Health Volunteer Award went to Pat Andring. As a dedicated and generous volunteer since 2006 with nearly perfect attendance, Pat is always seeking to expand her knowledge and preparedness. Pat has been the first in line to help out with training and exercises including mass dispensing, Michigan mortuary response, MI-TESA, drive-through point of dispensing, food-borne illness, active shooter response, and Ebola. Additionally she has assisted during the H1N1 and Flint Water Responses. Pat was an Adult Nurse Practitioner for over 35 years at the University of Michigan. Now in retirement, Pat volunteers with the MRC, the Community Emergency Response Team, Livingston County Humane Society Shelter, and USA Animal Rescue Team. She enjoys landscaping, hiking, traveling, opera and classical music. Pat's life motto is "the more you give, the more you receive". Pat is said to be an outstanding MRC volunteer and is deeply respected, admired, and loved by her team and colleagues.

To learn more about the awards and this year's honorees, visit the [MRC website](#) and view the [Facebook album](#).