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FRANCIS BLANCO RECEIVES “HEALTHY KIDS CHAMPION AWARD” FROM NEW JERSEY PARTNERSHIP FOR HEALTHY KIDS

Trenton, N.J. — New Jersey Partnership for Healthy Kids (NJPHK), a program of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, today presented the “Healthy Kids Champion” award to Francis E. Blanco, at its “Building Healthy, Equitable Communities Conference” at the Pines Manor in Edison.

The award acknowledges Ms. Blanco for her tireless efforts in leading several advocacy and partnership initiatives designed to foster broader policy and planning approaches to promote healthy communities. Ms. Blanco is Chief of Staff to Trenton Mayor Eric E. Jackson.

“It’s an honor to present the Healthy Kids Champion award to Ms. Blanco for her tireless commitment to the residents of Trenton,” said Dr. Darrin Anderson, deputy director of NJPHK. “She is an exceptional role model for youth in our community. Her capabilities and enthusiasm are boundless, and NJPHK Trenton is fortunate to have her as a partner and supporter.”

The award is one of six presented to outstanding leaders for their commitment and contributions in each of the NJPHK- targeted communities of Camden, New Brunswick, Trenton, Newark and Vineland, and in the State Program Office.

“My passion for improving Trenton and the conditions of people’s lives is very important to me,” said Ms. Blanco. “I am honored to receive this award, but I also feel privileged to be able to work to make a difference in a city whose people I want to see healthy and vibrant,” said Ms. Blanco.

In recent years, Ms. Blanco was co-chair of the Access to Healthy Foods. Currently, she chairs the Trenton Healthy Food Network, an initiative that promotes the availability of healthy, affordable food in local stores and bodegas in urban communities. As Chief of Staff to Trenton Mayor Eric Jackson, Ms. Blanco is responsible for the day-to-day executive administration of municipal government and building and strengthening relationships with city residents, stakeholders and decision-makers in the communities of business, education, government and faith.

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