

## 2007 “Friend of Public Health Award” Recipient



**Barbara A. Henderson**

### List of Public Health Accomplishments and Collaborations:

2004 -- Present    Executive Director of the Berrien Health Plan (BHP)

Barbara not only has provided outstanding leadership to the Berrien Health Plan for the past three years, but was also integrally involved in the planning, implementation, and establishment of the Health Plan for Berrien County. She worked collaboratively with the Health Department to see that this historic service was made available to the residents of our community.

1999 – 2006        Coordinator/Facilitator for the Healthy Berrien Consortium (HBC)

Barbara worked closely with the President of the Consortium and the Health Department providing key direction through planning, goal setting, and evaluation of all HBC activities. She was instrumental in the evolutionary process of Healthy Berrien 2000, which eventually became the Healthy Berrien Consortium (a key health care collaborative made up of all the CEO's of the leading health care organizations). During this period, Barbara served on the Council for a World Class Community Executive Board, providing a vital link between the two organizations.

1981 – 1998        Executive Director of Planned Parenthood Association of Southwestern Michigan (PPSWM)

During most of the 18 year period, the Health Department contracted with Planned Parenthood to provide the education component for the Department's Family Planning Program. As Executive Director of PPSWM, Barbara worked closely with the Health Department, not only on Family Planning matters, but on numerous community health initiatives including the Benton Harbor Communities First Project, the creation of the Federally Qualified Health Clinics (FQHC) at the

Mercy Center, and was a charter member of the Healthy Berrien 2000 organization.

1972 – 1980      Samaritan Counseling Center of Southwestern Michigan

Barb Henderson was one of the original founders of the Samaritan Counseling Center. She also holds the distinction of being the Charter Executive Director of the Center for its initial eight years of service to the community. The Samaritan Counseling Center of Southwestern Michigan, Inc. provides professional psychological counseling, consultation and community education services integrating spiritual insight with the values and faith of the client.