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**Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County Announces
2011 John S. Teuscher Scholarship Recipients**

Pittsfield, IL – The Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County (HWFPC) is pleased to announce its John S. Teuscher Scholarship recipients for 2011. The Foundation awards annually a maximum of four scholarships to their two different programs: the Health Occupations Scholarship for graduating High School Seniors and the Workforce Retraining Scholarship. Each Scholarship award is in the amount of \$1000.00 to be used toward tuition, books, room and board at an accredited educational institution.

The 2011 recipients of Teuscher Health Occupations Scholarship for Graduating High School Seniors are: Rhea Hobson, a graduate of Griggsville High School, who is the daughter of Eric and Elaine Hobson. She will be pursuing a degree in Occupational Therapy. Also receiving the Health Occupations Scholarship is Brittany Thiele who is a graduate of Pittsfield High School. She is the daughter of Steve and Rhonda Thiele. Brittany will be attending Southern Illinois University at Carbondale and plans to become a dental hygienist.

To be eligible for the John S. Teuscher Health Occupations Scholarship for High School Seniors an individual must meet the following qualifications: graduating from a Pike County High School; notified of acceptance into a health professions course of study, including: nursing, medicine, pharmacy, physical therapy, public health, mental health, health education, health

administration, or allied health profession; and, possess exceptional leadership abilities with a serious commitment to community service.

The 2011 recipient of the Teuscher Workforce Retraining Scholarship is Theresa Halpin of Pittsfield. Halpin is attending the University of Illinois at Springfield seeking a BA degree in Business Administration, seeking a position in hospital administration. She was also the recipient of the Teuscher Workforce Retraining Grant in 2009 and 2010.

This scholarship was created to provide assistance to working individuals who wish to obtain training to begin work in a health field or are seeking additional training to expand their existing work in a health profession. Individuals are eligible to apply for the Workforce Retraining Scholarship if they: live in Pike County, and are presently in the workforce looking to pursue additional training or certification in a health-related field or technical health training and may be a full or part-time student.

The Foundation's Scholarship Program was established in October of 2005 to encourage and support high school students planning to pursue health professions. In 2009 the Scholarship was re-named the John S. Teuscher Health Occupation Scholarship, and expanded to add the Workforce Retraining Award. The Scholarship commemorates the vision and dedication of the late John S. Teuscher, who was the Foundation's founding Board Chairman. In establishing the Foundation, it was John's hope to enable program to make Pike County a healthier place for all of its residents to live in.

Health and Wellness Foundation of Pike County is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) Corporation whose healthcare mission is realized through a program of thoughtful grantmaking, community collaborations, and fund development. To find out more about the Foundation's Scholarship programs or their competitive grant-program, contact the Foundation office in Pittsfield at 217-285-6080 or ichcf@aol.com.

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