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**Dr. Marie Gwinn, Optometrist at Community Health & Dental Care Receives
2022 PA Young Optometrist of the Year Award**

Pottstown – Community Health & Dental Care, Inc. (CHDC) congratulates optometrist, Dr. Marie Gwinn for receiving the 2022 Young Optometrist of the Year Award at the Pennsylvania Optometric Association Spring Congress Awards event held on Friday, April 8th at the Lancaster Marriott in Lancaster, PA.

The Young Optometrist of the Year Award recognizes an optometrist in practice less than ten years who demonstrates outstanding leadership skills when serving their profession, patients, and community. Nominees were evaluated according to a point system allocated to two principal areas: Public Service (worth 60%) and Service to Optometry (worth 40%).

Dr. Gwinn joined the CHDC family in January 2022 as an experienced optometrist provider at the Coventry Mall location. In addition to general optometry, Dr. Gwinn is skilled in specialty care, including pediatrics, learning-related vision disorders, myopia management, specialty contact lenses, and medical optometry.

Dr. Gwinn earned her Doctor of Optometry from Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University in Elkins Park, PA and bachelor's degree from West Chester University in West Chester, PA with Major in Liberal Arts and Minor in Biology. Dr. Gwinn serves as Vice-President of the Chester-Delaware Optometric Society and is affiliated with the American Optometric Association, the American Academy of Optometry, among others. Passionate about community outreach and humanitarian work, Dr. Gwinn's experience also includes volunteer service providing vision screenings in Guatemala, rural Haitian villages, as well as locally in and around the Philadelphia area.

For more information or to become a new vision patient of CHDC, please call 610-326-9460 and our friendly staff will assist you!

About Community Health & Dental Care

Since 2008, Community Health & Dental Care ensures access to appropriate levels of care for all people in the service area regardless of their ability to pay. CHDC has qualified, caring staff to assist you and your family to become a patient of a true medical and dental home. You can schedule a medical visit and dental visit the same day for you and your family members!

CHDC provides medical, dental, OBGYN, vision, podiatry, physical therapy, medication assistance therapy (MAT), integrated behavioral health, care and case management, and free transportation to and from all CHDC health center locations in Pottstown and Barto.

We accept most major Commercial, Medicare and Medicare supplement plans, Fee for Service Medicaid and Managed Care Medicaid plans and provides a health care discount for eligible uninsured and underinsured patients. For qualified patients receiving a 100% healthcare discount, the nominal fee for a medical/behavioral health/vision visit is \$20, \$35 for a dental visit and \$5 for a prescription! CHDC can offer the health care discount because we receive annual funding

from our Federal partner, Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) since 2012 as a designated Federally Qualified Health Center.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact us at 610-326-9460, email us at info@ch-dc.org or visit our website at www.ch-dc.org.

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(Pictured: Marie Gwinn, O.D.)

