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Local Healthcare Nurse Manager Honored with National Indian Health Board's Outstanding Service Award

Fond du Lac (FDL) Band of Lake Superior Chippewa, MN, October 6th, 2021 – Christine “Chris” Davis never dreamt she would one day be recognized for the work she loves to do. Having grown up in a family where serving others was considered an honor, she gravitated toward the healthcare profession as a way to nurture her devotion to her FDL community. This week, the diligence and passion with which she performs her job as the Band’s clinic coordinator has earned her national recognition by one of Indian Country’s most prominent organizations.

Tonight, Chris will be presented with the Outstanding Service Award by the National Indian Health Board (NIHB) at the Heroes in Health Awards ceremony.

NIHB is a Washington, D.C.-based organization established to represent Tribal governments through collective advocacy, program development, as well as policy formation and analysis. Its mission is to “reinforce Tribal sovereignty, strengthen Tribal health systems, secure resources, and build capacity to achieve the highest level of health and well-being” for indigenous people.

The Outstanding Service Award was created by NIHB to recognize individuals or organizations whose work has made an impact on American Indian/Alaska Native healthcare.

Chris was nominated for her collaborative leadership during the pandemic and for working tirelessly to ensure mitigation and communications plans were developed so medical clinics under her management could remain operational and safe.

Chris is an outspoken advocate when it comes to improving health services within the greater FDL region. She is passionate about the community getting the best care that they deserve. “Making sure our community receives all the services they are eligible for drives me,” says Chris. “I’m a clinical manager by profession, but I’ll always be a nurse by heart, and if there is a service someone is eligible for, then I want to make sure they get it. I’m very lucky to work with a group of professionals who share that belief and support not just the community, but each other, to get through this pandemic.”



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