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City of Milwaukee Health Department Farmers' Market Stands to Open for Season *Weekly market stands bring fresh produce to community members through October*

MILWAUKEE – 'Tis the season for fresh produce, and for the fourth year the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) is helping area residents access healthy foods by opening weekly farmers' market stands at MHD health center locations.

“Access to healthy food is essential to building a healthy community,” said Mayor Tom Barrett. “By hosting market stands at our health center locations, we are providing another opportunity for families to find fresh foods in their neighborhoods.”

The MHD market stands are part of the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Farmers' Market Nutrition Program, which provides WIC participants the opportunity to purchase locally grown fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables from approved farmers' markets using supplemental nutrition benefits. In 2013, a total of 3,170 WIC checks were spent at MHD market stands.

“The City of Milwaukee Health Department works to not only educate the community about the benefits of a healthy diet, but also to increase availability of healthy, fresh produce in the communities we serve,” said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker.

The weekly market stands are open to all community members, including WIC participants, at the following locations:

- Mondays: Northwest Health Center, 7630 W. Mill Rd., Milwaukee
- Tuesdays: Keenan Health Center, 3200 N. 36th St., Milwaukee
- Wednesdays: Southside Health Center, 1639 S. 23rd St., Milwaukee

The MHD stands remain open weekly through October and are closed on holidays and City furlough days. For more information, visit www.milwaukee.gov/health.

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