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Taconic Hills School District Implements Scrub Club

With the continued support of the Foundation for Community Health, *Scrub Club: Pathways to Health Careers*, will be implemented into the Taconic Hills High School in January 2014. This program is a health career exploration program developed by Catskill Hudson Area Health Education Center, and is designed to introduce students to various healthcare careers and offer them the opportunity to experience them through engaging, hands-on activities and real-life experiences. Funding for the Taconic Hills High School Scrub Club program was provided by the Foundation for Community Health. The Foundation invests in people, programs and strategies to improve the health of residents in northern Litchfield Hills and the Harlem Valley.

Scrub Club was conceptualized and developed in collaboration with the Foundation for Community Health. The pilot Scrub Club program is in its second year at Dover High School in Dover Plains, NY, where it is being praised by students, parents, and educators.

“We are so pleased with the results and popularity of the Scrub Club program at Dover High School.” states Kathryn Reed, Executive Director of Catskill Hudson AHEC. “This success has led to implementation of the Scrub Club program in other high schools and BOCES within the Catskill Hudson AHEC region. We look forward to our continued relationship with the Foundation for Community Health to further expand Scrub Club in eastern Dutchess County.”

“I am delighted to see this program expanding.” stated Gertrude O’Sullivan, Director of Communication & Special Program for the Foundation for Community Health. “I think it has the potential to make a positive difference in the long-term future of our youth by exposing them to the various professional and personal growth components of the program. At the Foundation, we are pleased that a program that we initiated is taking off and we are glad to fund it for our youth in the Taconic Hills School District. It is our hope to eventually have it conducted in all the schools in our service area.”

Catskill Hudson AHEC is a non-profit organization devoted to improving the quality, geographic distribution and retention of healthcare professionals and stimulating interest in health professions careers through innovative programs across its 11-county service area. For additional information on Scrub Club, please visit www.CHAHEC.org/programs or call (845) 883-7260.

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