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Be Heard! Take the Community Health Survey Today!

GRAND RAPIDS – What are the biggest health problems affecting your friends, family, and community? Can you name the best things about your neighborhood? The weaknesses? To answer these questions, and others, Healthy Kent is asking people who live and work in Kent County to participate in the 2014 Community Health Survey.

The 2014 Community Health Survey was created from information gathered at more than 22 community forums held earlier this year throughout Kent County. Residents have the option to take the survey online (English: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthyKentCHS>; Spanish: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/HealthyKentCHSSPA>) or can pick up a paper copy at a number of local businesses, community organizations, and summer events. It takes between 10 and 15 minutes to answer the survey fully and Healthy Kent will be collecting responses until September 1, 2014. The survey will be available in English and Spanish, and may be translated into additional languages if there is a large enough request. Residents who answer the survey questions have the chance to win one of several prizes, including reusable grocery totes, water bottles, or even one of two iPad minis.

Community participation is important so Healthy Kent and its partner organizations are able to select health priorities that fit with what Kent County residents believe to be key health and environmental issues. “In order for us to address community need, we must first understand what the community sees as the big problems,” says Adam London, Administrative Health Officer for the Kent County Health Department. “The Community Health Survey is one key way through which Healthy Kent and its partners can learn what our residents need and how to better address those needs.”

For more information, or to take the online 2014 Community Health Survey, please visit www.kentcountychna.org or email Healthy Kent at healthykent@kentcountymi.gov.

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Healthy Kent is a collaborative community health assessment and improvement initiative in Kent County that works to improve the health and wellbeing of all county residents. Efforts of Healthy Kent include needs assessment, capacity building, and improvement of community health through awareness, education, advocacy and data-driven decision making. For more information, visit www.healthykent.org or www.kentcountychna.org.