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**NOMINATE AN ALCOHOL-RESPONSIBLE AREA BUSINESS FOR A  
DRUG FREE MARION COUNTY GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD**

In observance of Alcohol Awareness Month, which takes place nationally in April, Drug Free Marion County will recognize those businesses that consistently operate with excellence while striving to make the community safer.

Area residents are encouraged to nominate package liquor stores, drug and grocery stores and restaurants and bars with sales clerks, wait staff and bartenders who card customers, refuse to sell to intoxicated persons and prevent adult patrons from purchasing alcohol for minors.

“Through our research and data bases, Drug Free Marion County strives to make the public aware of businesses that have experienced problems in relation to the sale of alcoholic beverages. But we also want to recognize and thank those businesses that are being responsible and conscientious when it comes to alcohol matters,” says DFMC project director Nancy Beals.

“We hope that area residents and workers will take this opportunity to nominate a Marion County business that regularly shows its commitment to the health and safety of our community.”

To nominate a Marion County business for a Drug Free Marion County Good Neighbor Award, send an email to Julie Saetre at Drug Free Marion County, [jsaetre@drugfreemc.org](mailto:jsaetre@drugfreemc.org), with the following information:

- Business name and contact information
- Reason for the nomination (specific examples are encouraged)
- The nominator’s contact information

Nominations should be submitted by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20.

Drug Free Marion County will review and validate nominations, and Good Neighbor Award certificates will be given to honored businesses during the week of April 26.

Drug Free Marion County – a not-for-profit organization – plans, promotes, implements and coordinates community efforts to prevent and reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among youth and adults