

## **Upper Midlands Rural Health Network Encourages Members to Celebrate National Rural Health Day**

*Winnsboro, South Carolina (November 13, 2013)* – **Upper Midlands Rural Health Network (UMRHN)** encourages its members to join the SC Office of Rural Health (SCORH), the National Organization of State Offices of Rural Health (NOSORH) and other state/national rural stakeholders to “Celebrate the Power of Rural” during the third annual *National Rural Health Day* celebration on **Thursday, November 21, 2013**.

National Rural Health Day was created as a way to showcase rural America and increase awareness of rural health related issues. “National Rural Health Day gives NOSORH and its partners the opportunity to ‘Celebrate the Power of Rural’ and showcase the good works of America’s 59.5 million rural citizens,” notes NOSORH Director Teryl Eisinger. “It also allows us to highlight the unique healthcare issues being faced by rural citizens and promote the efforts of NOSORH, State Offices of Rural Health (SORHs) and their partners in addressing those issues.”



Established in 2004, **Upper Midlands Rural Health Network (UMRHN)** is a two county network of health, human service and education providers in the north central area of South Carolina. The Network’s mission is to improve health in Chester and Fairfield counties through collaboration of a diverse group focused on access to care, health promotion and education. Technical support for the network is provided by the South Carolina Office of Rural Health (SCORH). Current initiatives include assisting network members reach a fully operational electronic health record system, providing continuing education to school nurses, supporting implementation of a Coordinated Approach to Child Health (CATCH) in local schools, assisting with implementation of a school-based telemedicine program in Chester county schools, and addressing the impact of asthma locally.

Additional information about National Rural Health Day can be found on the Web at [www.celebratepowerofrural.org](http://www.celebratepowerofrural.org).

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