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Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics Presents Distinguished Service Award and Child Advocacy Awards

July 7, 2016 (St. Paul, MN) – The Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics (MNAAP) presented three awards to individuals advocating for Minnesota's children at its annual meeting on Friday, May 20, 2016.

The 2016 Distinguished Service Award was presented to **Marilyn Peitso, MD, FAAP**, a pediatric hospitalist with **CentraCare in St. Cloud**. Dr. Peitso was recently appointed by the Governor to the Minnesota Task Force on Health Care Financing. She has also served on the CentraCare Foundation, Minnesota Medical Association (MMA) Board of Trustees, and MMA Foundation. A past president of MNAAP, she is a longtime advocate of patient and family-centered care.

The 2016 Child Advocacy Award was presented to two people: **Carolyn Allshouse, executive director of Family Voices of Minnesota**, and **Lynne Burke, state coordinator for Reach out and Read Minnesota**. Allshouse has been an advocate for family-centered care for nearly two decades and has served as a trusted resource for the Minnesota Department of Health and PACER Center. Burke has been an advocate for improved health and literacy since her early years as a syndicated columnist and freelance journalist specializing in children's literacy. Under her leadership, more than 200 clinics and 1,400 health care providers participate in Reach out and Read, prescribing books to young children.

With more than 1,000 pediatrician members, MNAAP is committed to improving the health of all children and teens in Minnesota. For more information about the award winners or MNAAP, visit www.mnaap.org

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