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Erie Regional Medical Reserve Corps volunteers lauded

Erie Regional Medical Reserve Corps volunteers (from left) Barb Tarbell and Mike Giannamore accepting a symbolic Certificate of Appreciation on behalf of their fellow volunteers from Erie Regional Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator Joy Henry and Erie County Department of Health Director Erin Mrenak.

Erie, PA — Volunteer members of the Erie Regional Medical Reserve Corps were recognized at an Appreciation Event organized by the Erie County Department of Health for their efforts in responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. The volunteers have assisted the Erie County Department of Health with its testing and vaccination clinics, packaging PPE kits for local businesses and providing medical screenings, among other assignments.

"From March 2020 to the present, 80 volunteers donated over 3,500 volunteer hours. They have assisted in administering over 26,000 COVID-19 vaccinations. The economic value of their efforts to the community is equivalent to $131,678," said Joy Henry, Erie Regional Medical Reserve Corps Coordinator. "Erie County can certainly be proud to be surrounded by such an amazing group of people."

Henry and Erie County Department of Health Director Erin Mrenak awarded the corps volunteers with certificates of appreciation. The Bayfront Convention Center graciously hosted a lunch reception for the

volunteers to show its appreciation for their efforts. In attendance was County Director of Administration Doug Smith.

The Medical Reserve Corps is a national network of volunteers that helps communities respond to natural disasters like blizzards and public health emergencies such as disease outbreaks.

The Erie Regional Medical Reserve Corps welcomes medical and non-medical volunteers of any skill level. It is overseen by the Erie County Department of Health and serves Crawford, Erie, Forest, Venango and Warren counties. To volunteer, contact mrc@eriecountypa.gov or 814-823-5205.

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