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### **Omaha Businesses Adopt Tobacco-Free Campus Policies**

**Omaha** – The Metro Omaha Tobacco Action Coalition (MOTAC) recently recognized four businesses that implemented 100% tobacco-free policies on their property. Each establishment was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation which states “In recognition of outstanding support for safe, healthy, tobacco-free environments for all.”

**The University of Nebraska Medical Center** joined the ranks of several other Nebraska colleges and universities when they implemented a campus-wide tobacco-free policy on August 24, 2009. **Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo** continues to be a leading zoo in the nation and now offers a tobacco-free environment for all visitors. **Weatherization Trust, Inc.** was recognized for their tobacco-free policy which includes their campus as well as all company vehicles. The **Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center** recently opened with a tobacco-free policy for their campus as well.

“We continue to see business owners implement tobacco-free policies that go above and beyond the requirements of the statewide smoke-free air law,” said Vickie Young, MOTAC President. “This shows that business owners recognize the benefits of a tobacco-free policy to their business.”

MOTAC is a dynamic coalition of health-related individuals, organizations, and educational groups that is at the forefront of fighting tobacco through community action. MOTAC can assist businesses who want to implement smoke-free policies and will continue to recognize businesses that demonstrate a commitment to smoke-free environments. Learn more at [www.motac.org](http://www.motac.org).

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