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INTRODUCTION:

This first edition of the Health of Genesee County Data Book provides a snapshot of the health status of Genesee County, Michigan residents. Health indicators were selected according to the Core Indicators List outlined in the Community Health Status Assessment of a strategic planning tool for community health improvement known as Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP). This tool was developed by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and was used in developing the Genesee County Health Department's 2003-2007 Strategic Plan.

The data presented here were compiled from a variety of sources and are meant to be informative and useful to individuals, groups, and agencies working to understand and improve the health of Genesee County residents. Every effort was made to assure that data presented in this report are accurate and up-to-date. Hopefully, readers will want to learn even more, and become involved in changing those health conditions they find alarming and building upon those that reflect community strengths.

Perhaps this data book will stimulate "Better Life Through Better Health" in Genesee County. Feedback on the enclosed brief user survey will be appreciated.

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