## **FORUM**

## Red H.E.A.R.R.T. welcomes 2016 and celebrates 2015 with THANK YOU!



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Guest Columnist

We can't move into 2016 without thanking our community for your partnership and continuing support in 2015. 2015 was the fifth-year anniversary of initiatives of Red H.E.A.R.R.T. (Help Educate And Reduce Risk

Today).

Red H.E.A.R.R.T. and Winston-Salem/Forsyth County broke another Guinness World Record and more importantly, we helped build awareness at all levels in our WS/FC Schools with varsity basketball teams wearing red socks and students pledging to a 30-day health challenge.

Heart disease is still the number one killer of both men and women – and it impacts the young and old. Heart disease doesn't respect race or economic background, but it is preventable. We're in a fight to save lives: our lives, the lives of those we love, and the lives in our community.

Over the last five years, you've helped us to create heart disease awareness and drive heart disease prevention throughout our city.

Winston-Salem has been recognized twice as the home of a Guinness World Record:

On Feb 1, 2013, 1,121 WS/FC Middle School students, Mayor Joines & Red H.E.A.R.R.T. broke the Guinness World Record for having the most students doing Zumbatomic at one time! That world record was just the beginning. Over the last three years, approximately 14,000 students have participated in heart/health challenges. Local restaurants have joined the fight by offering heart-healthy dishes during the month of February (and donating a portion of their proceeds during this month to the American Heart Association to help further research and assistance for those impacted by heart conditions).

In 2015, RED H.E.A.R.R.T, Mayor Joines and 414 people broke the Guinness World Record for the largest group doing sit-ups simultaneously for one minute. The record was officially



More than 400 participants gathered on Feb. 5 at the Gateway YWCA, seeking to set a world record for the most people simultaneously doing sit-ups for one minute. The group succeeded.

set on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015, at Gateway YWCA in Winston-Salem.

Winston-Salem and Forsyth County community participants broke the Guiness World Record

Over the last five years, we've held Zumba Heart Health Fair events to demonstrate how fun it is to get moving and make a difference in your health. I'm proud to say that with the support of the partners, sponsors, and the community at large, we reached every goal set from 2010-

Thank you for joining the fight to make a difference! Happiest of New Years to you and yours, and best wishes for 2016! I'm looking forward to your continued support and partnership in 2016!

For more information on our initiatives, please visit our website at www.redhearrt.com.

Cheryl Lindsay is the founder of the Red H.E.A.R.R.T. (Help Educate & Reduce Risk Today) initiative, which advocates heart health in

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children, teens and women. Red H.E.A.R.R.T was created to help the community by saving the lives of others through education and resources. Over the last five years, the heart health initiatives have included education and programs on heart health, fitness, childhood obesity and nutrition.

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