



NEWS RELEASE

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Council for Older Adults Announces Volunteer Award Recipients

On Tuesday, April 21, the Council for Older Adults held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Celebration at the Center for Older Adults, 800 Cheshire Road in Delaware. Celebrated in conjunction with National Volunteer Week, this event honors the Council’s dedicated team of over 700 volunteers for their support.

The program commenced with speeches by Robert Horrocks, Executive Director of the Council for Older Adults, and Kitty Burscu, Executive Director of the Ohio Community Service Council. Both speakers acknowledged Ohio’s strong spirit of volunteerism and the valuable contributions that volunteers make to the Delaware County community. The luncheon was emceed by Debbie Martin, a member of the Council’s volunteer board of directors, and was attended by 170 volunteers, all of whom received certificates of appreciation for their service. But certain distinguished volunteers were acknowledged for their outstanding contributions to the Council’s success. Six volunteers were honored with 15-year certificates: Jan Baltus, Dee Buell, Beth Edwards, Edna Hogle, Ralph Hogle, and Judy Roof. The Council was honored to recognize Shirley Van Sickle with her 10-year service pin, and nineteen other volunteers received 5-year pins. Presidential Service Awards were also given. Gold Awards were received by Shirley Philpott and Dee Watren for their unparalleled commitment to the Council’s mission and their robust histories of service.

Finally, winners were announced with regard to the Council’s four perpetual awards, and recipients’ names will be added to plaques at the Council office. Todd Beatty received the *Whatever It Takes* award for his efforts in our kitchen, where he schedules other volunteers to help as kitchen assistants. Dick Miller was given the *Leaping Into Action* award, which is reserved for the Council’s rookie of the year. In addition to his role as a Meals on Wheels delivery driver, Mr. Miller is also a member of the Council’s volunteer advisory committee. Pat Liggett, who serves as a transportation volunteer and meal delivery driver, was recognized with the *It Takes*

Teamwork award. And Jerry Driesen, MD, received the *Essential Piece* award for his ongoing contributions to the Council's success, including his key role in developing the plans for our new facility.

The Volunteer Appreciation Celebration is an annual event held every spring to recognize hundreds of exceptional people, without whom the Council could not exist. Volunteers fill a variety of positions, including drivers who deliver meals for the Council's Meals On Wheels program and those who work at the annual Summer Festival. For more information on volunteer positions, call the Council office at (740) 363-6677.

The Council for Older Adults of Delaware County is a non-profit local organization responsible for planning, coordinating and developing local services for older adults, their families and caregivers in Delaware County. The Council is the home of SENIOR CHOICES, the local one stop center for information, assistance and in-home services. The Senior Choices program is supported, in part, through the local senior services levy.