

2010 Community Volunteer Awards

2010 Community Volunteer Awards Celebrate Volunteerism in Dane County

United Way Community Volunteer Awards recognize the remarkable contributions and dedication of Dane County's volunteers. Five hundred people attended this year's event, held April 22 at the Madison Concourse Hotel and Governor's Club. Presented by CUNA Mutual Group, the luncheon was also generously sponsored by Group Health Cooperative of South Central Wisconsin, Physician's Plus Insurance Corporation and St. Mary's Hospital.

Wisconsin's First Lady, Jessica Doyle, presented the Mike McKinney award to Mary and Tom Skinner, who were honored for their volunteer contribution to The Colonial Club Senior Activity Center in Sun Prairie. This award is presented to the volunteer(s) whose actions relay their commitment to a life of volunteer service. During his lifetime, Mike McKinney was an inspiration to volunteers throughout Dane County, and this event recognizes his legacy. Mike emceed the event from 1997-2006.

Together, Mary and Tom have helped Sun Prairie seniors lead more independent and enjoyable lives since Colonial Club opened in 1971. Over the years, Mary taught seniors how to play musical instruments, wrote music for them and recruited students from the local elementary schools to participate in the program. Tom currently runs the Meals on Wheels program and the RSVP Program that provides transportation to medical and other appointments.

2010 Winners Announced

Other award recipients were: J. Frank Cook, Lifetime Achievement Award, Grace Episcopal Church; Noah Cohen, Youth Community Volunteer Award, East Madison Community Center; Dr. Linda Oakley, Community Volunteer Award, Access Community Health Centers; and Capitol Insurance Companies, Outstanding Business Award.

Distinguished Service Awards were also presented to Dr. Calvin Bruce, MEDiC Student-Run Free Clinics; Terry Wandsnider, HospiceCare Inc.; Jim Peterson, Habitat for Humanity of Dane County; and Adrienne Wafford, Dane County Parent Council. All award winners receive a monetary contribution, made possible by the sponsors, to donate to the organization for which they volunteer.

The Community Volunteer Awards accelerate the progress in all of the areas listed in our community's Agenda for Change. They are working to create measurable results in our community – results that money alone could not achieve. Congratulations to all 91 award winners and nominees!



First Lady Jessica Doyle and United Way President Leslie Ann Howard congratulate Mary and Tom Skinner on receiving the Mike McKinney Award.