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AREA 9 AGENCY RECOGNIZES VOLUNTEERS

Individuals will be served tomorrow, thanks to volunteers! Area 9 In-Home and Community Services Agency volunteers were honored for their many hours of time contributed and dedication in helping others through Agency programs that include: meal services, meal delivery, respite care, bill payer, office assistance, and Area 9 Council.

On Tuesday, November 11th, 150 volunteers gathered at the Richmond Holiday Inn for the Area 9 Agency's ***Volunteer Appreciation Dinner***.

This annual event was held to recognize Area 9 volunteers that serve in Fayette, Franklin, Rush, Union and Wayne counties. Beth Evans, Area 9 Nutrition Director, says that volunteers are an asset to the agency. "Volunteers play such a vital role in the functioning of our agency and our ability to help the large number of people that we do. This is just one way that we have to let them know how much we appreciate them."

Participants enjoyed dinner and entertainment was provided by Garry Finton on the saxophone. Robin Bowen, Area 9 Agency, served as Master of Ceremonies. Special recognition was given to Donna Williams, 2008 Hoosier Lifetime Award Recipient and Jane Jackson, 2008 Sportsmanship Award Winner. Milestone awards were given to following:

20-year award – James Daggy, *Area 9 Council*; Fran Jordan, *Western Wayne*

15-year award – David Wallace, *Nettle Creek*

10-year award – David Garman, *Caring Community*; LaDonna Jensen, *Caring Community*; Mildred Jurgens, *Area 9 Office*; Chris Nicholson, *Caring Community*; Amy Reeves, *Caring Community*; Janis Said, *Nettle Creek*; Martha Watt, *Centerville*

5-year award – Phil Bond, *Nettle Creek*; Clona Bond, *Nettle Creek*; Barbara Curtis, *Northeastern*; Jimmie Sue Davidson, *Western Wayne*; Carl Evans, *Rushville*; Jean Green, *Centerville*; Tom Greeson, *Northeastern*; Don Hale, *Richmond*; Joyce Henwood, *Centerville*; Lowell Munchel, *Western Wayne*; Sandy Munchel, *Western Wayne*; Jim Nellis, *Western Wayne*; Leona Nellis, *Western Wayne*; Phyllis Null, *Centerville*; Ruth Wine, *Northeastern*

A rolled blanket was given to each volunteer with appreciation from Area 9 for all that they do to assist the elderly and disabled in the five counties served. Volunteer kindness, smiles and warm hearts make Area 9 grateful for everything they do.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Area 9 Volunteer Team, contact Beth Evans at 765-966-1795 or 800-458-9345.