

news release

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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 17th, 175 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 magician Tony Truitt, who kept the audience involved during his performance. Robin Bowen, Area 9 Agency, served as Master of Ceremonies. Special recognition was given to Dolly Sweet, 2009 Hoosier Lifetime Award recipient and Sue Adams, 2009 Sportsmanship Award winner. Milestone awards were given to following:

20-year award – Mary Holcomb, *Nettle Creek*

15-year award – Leonard Bicknell, *Nettle Creek*; Thelma Bicknell, *Nettle Creek*; Betty Jones, *Western Wayne*; Nancy Kirlin, *Western Wayne*

10-year award – Becky Alexander, *Bill Payer*; Vicki Brim, *Bill Payer*; Debbie Gershman, *Caring Community*; Barbara Loyd, *Fayette County*; Mary Ann McKillip, *Caring Community*; Jeanne Toschlog, *Centerville*

5-year award – Jim Caldwell, *Fayette County*; Don Cook, *Centerville*; Sally Cook, *Centerville*; Gerald Evans, *Fayette County*; Dorothy Fuller, *Centerville*; Roberta Gentry, *Area 9 Council*; Carolyn Hensley, *Western Wayne*; Patty Hersberger, *Western Wayne*; Russell Hersberger, *Western Wayne*; Bud House, *Nettle Creek*; Lois House, *Nettle Creek*; Joan Hunt, *Western Wayne*; Glen Hunt, *Western Wayne*; Ann Jobe, *Western Wayne*; Pam Kinkade, *Western Wayne*; Lora Metz, *Cambridge Square*; Jan Miles, *Western Wayne*; Christine Robinson, *Caring Community*; Rosemary Slauson, *Richmond*; Joan Steining, *Western Wayne*; Esther Weisenborn, *Western Wayne*; Joan Wittman, *Western Wayne*

An umbrella was presented 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.