

Pathfinder Services, Inc. Honors Community

Pathfinder Services, Inc. of Huntington, honored individuals and organizations within the communities they serve at their annual community recognition dinner Saturday evening, November 8, at Huntington University. The not-for-profit human services organization presented awards for support of the organization and the people it serves followed by a keynote presentation by **Al Foxx**, from Seattle who suffered an accident 25 years ago that changed him from a healthy 19-year old roofer to a disability survivor with brain damage and partial paralysis. Mr. Foxx shared his “Winner’s Don’t Quit” presentation and his “believe in possibilities” philosophy with the audience.



At the dinner, the Pathfinder Services Board of Directors presented the prestigious Herbert D. LaMont award to Jim Scheiber. He has devoted many years of his life working with Pathfinder Services, Inc. He has served nine years on the Pathfinder Foundation Board of Directors and was president of the Board in 2005 and 2006. Jim currently serves on the organization’s Investment Committee. Each year he donates hanging baskets to Kids Kampus for the golf outing auction which generates money for the child care center. Jim also donates many of the fruits, vegetables, and flowers used in the Kids Kampus “KinderGarden” each year which gives children the responsibility of maintaining a garden throughout the Spring and Summer.

The Pathfinder Services Board of Directors gives the LaMont award annually in honor of the late Herbert D. LaMont, who was a major force in the development of services for persons with disabilities in Huntington County. Kay LaMont presented this year’s award via video during the event.

Bill Hancher, presented the Timothy Hancher Direct Services Award to Kari Goetz, Community Integration Assistant for Pathfinder Services, Inc. Hancher, along with his wife Barbara has initiated the Timothy Hancher Direct Services Award, honoring a Pathfinder staff person who has gone “above and beyond” in providing direct services to the Pathfinder clients. The award was founded in memory of the Hancher’s son, Timothy, who was born with severe developmental and physical disabilities and passed away in 1996 at the age of twenty-six.



At the dinner, Pathfinder Services also gave Community Partner Awards to individuals and organizations that supported Pathfinder Services Inc. and their customers during the past fiscal year. Recipients include:

- Fulton Electric, and Tim Fulton who was recognized for the years they have supported Pathfinder Services, Inc. in donating to the organization’s Client Council, United Way campaigns, Relay for Life event, and overall support of the organization.
- The Wabash Plain Dealer, was honored for their extensive coverage for Wabash clients including field trips and activities in the Wabash community. The Plain Dealer has also been very helpful in promoting the South Pointe subdivision for Community Connections, the organization’s housing division.

- United Technologies Electronics Controls of Huntington, received a Community Partner Award from R & R, the Recycling and Refuse Division of Pathfinder Services for implementing an extensive plant wide recycling and refuse removal program.
- IMCO Rubber Co, Inc. received a Community Partner Award from the Manufacturing Division of Pathfinder Services, Inc for their partnership in providing a great deal of work to the division in 2008 allowing for five individuals with disabilities to be employed all day long.
- Imagine Real Estate of Fort Wayne and Steve McMichael, were honored by Community Connections, the Housing division of Pathfinder Services their past two years of partnership with the division while it moved into Fort Wayne. Imagine has instructed many home ownership classes and attended foreclosure prevention classes with staff to have a better knowledge of the program.
- Golden Corral, and store manager Jose Chacon received a Community Partner Award for their partnership with Resource Connection, the Employment Division, by hiring and working very diligently with one of the clients of the division.
- Joan Abbott will receive a Community Partner Award from Kids Kampus, the child care division of Pathfinder Services, Inc. for her years of partnership as the Book Worm where she came to Kids Kampus every day to read to the children for the past nine years.
- Medallion Cabinetry, Inc. of Culver will receive a Community Partner Award later this year for their partnership with Pathfinder Services Plymouth clients through sponsoring various events and a Group Home's Christmas party in 2007.

Pathfinder Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit human services organization based in Huntington, where it was founded in 1966. Pathfinder's provides Community Group Living services for adults who have developmental disabilities, Supported Living services for people who have disabilities and live independently, Community Integration services to assist people who have disabilities become more involved in their communities, Transitional Housing services for families who are homeless, as well as employment services, children's services, home ownership assistance and other services to enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves. In addition to Huntington County, Pathfinder Services, Inc. has office locations in Wabash and Plymouth. For more information on the services of Pathfinder Services Inc., please call (260) 356-0500 or visit www.pathfinderservices.org.