

LaMont Award Nominations Sought

Pathfinder Services, Inc. is once again searching for someone in the community who has made an extra effort to assist persons with disabilities. Nominations for the 24th annual Herbert D. LaMont Award must be made by Tuesday September 8, 2009.

The award is given in memory of Herbert D. LaMont, who was a major force in the development of services for persons with disabilities in Huntington County. He was an early supporter of Pathfinder Services, Inc.

Awards have been presented to Judy Vanderspool, Bill Kruzan, Helen Brandt, Kay LaMont, Dr. Eugene Habecker, Dr. John Regan, Chuck Nelson, Wynfield and Lyn Wetherbee, Kent and Sally Schenkel, Royce Ruckman, the late Tom Butler, Mary Brennan, Fred Teddy, Roger Strickler, David Brewer, John and Midge Decker, George Brown, Lola Lee Peters, Fr. Ron Reider, Altrusa International, Suze Ann Eichhorn, Harriet and the late Leo Zahm, and Bill Hancher.

Last year's recipient Jim Scheiber, 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, and 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. He 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.

Scheiber is also President of the Forks of the Wabash Board of Directors where he helped secure funding for a handicapped accessible Trail at the Forks, and a member of the noon Kiwanis Club in Huntington where he actively participates in the clubs Study Buddy program each year working with children in the community. He is a current or past board member of the Huntington County Community Foundation, the Huntington County Visitor's Bureau, and the Huntington County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors.

Past recipients of the LaMont Award were selected because of their continued years of dedication to making the community more aware of persons with disabilities and their potential. They have been involved in many special projects at Pathfinder Services, Inc. The award is designed to recognize an individual or organization that, through everyday example, creates the potential for persons with disabilities to become an integrated part of community life in Huntington County.

Criteria used to select recipients include:

- The nominee has made significant contributions towards creating opportunities for persons with disabilities to reach their maximum potential through communicating, working, and living as an integrated part of the Huntington community.
- Seeking by example to communicate and educate the Huntington community about the capabilities of persons with disabilities to become part of the mainstream of the community.
- Concrete examples of the nominee's activities are necessary to document the impact made.
- The candidate must be active in Huntington County.
- No current staff member of Pathfinder Services, Inc. is eligible for the award.

Letters of nomination may be sent to:

LaMont Award Committee
c/o Jason Meyer, Communications/Marketing Coordinator
Pathfinder Services, Inc.
PO Box 1001
Huntington IN 46750

The winner will be announced at Pathfinder Services, Inc.'s annual community recognition dinner to be held in November this year.