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United Way of Door County presents “Magnificent” Volunteer of the Year Award

For the past twelve years United Way of Door County has presented a community member with The Bob Steifvater “Magnificent” Volunteer Award at their annual meeting. Bob Steifvater personified the spirit of volunteerism. His response to any greeting was always “magnificent”. This one word embodied Bob’s attitude towards his community, family, and friends. Those who receive this award will represent and continue his spirit through their United Way volunteerism.

On April 13th United Way presented the 2010 award to Julie Behnke and Steve & Kelly Hellmann for their dedication to United Way of Door County. Julie is the Manager of the Sturgeon Bay Younkers and the Hellmann’s are the owners of The Inn at Cedar Crossing in Sturgeon Bay.

These three are responsible for the dunk tank at the annual Sturgeon Bay Side Walk Sale. They are responsible for all of the details and make sure that the funds raised go to United Way. They rent the equipment, set up and take down the tank, contact the fire department to fill the tank, place the ads, and have even been known to make a guest appearance in the tank on occasion. Their companies are also active with the Sunshine House.

Individually they do so much more. The Hellmann’s plan the annual B&B Walk with proceeds to benefit United Way of Door County. Every March their restaurant, The Inn at Cedar Crossing, hosts United Way Wednesdays with 20% of dinner sales being donated to United Way. They donate and support United Way whenever they are asked. They are also active with the Sturgeon Bay and Door County Visitors Bureaus. Ms. Behnke volunteers and attends almost every United Way event. She works quietly behind the scenes. She runs an awesome employee campaign at Younkers and donates merchandise for our silent auctions and raffles. She is also active with the Sturgeon Bay Visitors Bureau and the Noon Rotary Club.

“This year’s recipients may not be as visible as past honorees, but they are just as important. Those who volunteer quietly behind the scenes could be referred to as part of the United Way backbone,” commented Amy Kohnle, executive director.

Past recipients of this award are Bill Behme, Dianne Trenchard, Jane Stevenson, Denise Stillman, Mert Larsen, Jeannine Kelsey, Christine Conlon & Nancy Kasten, J. Scott Mainard, Grace Rossman, J. Eric Paulsen, WDOR Radio Stations, and Tonya Felhofer. Kohnle stated, “Everyone who volunteers for United Way demonstrates their commitment to Door County and their neighbors. Each and every one of these volunteers are very important to us. We would not be where we are today without the strength and knowledge of volunteers. Our volunteers truly further our mission of empowering people to build better lives.”

For more information on how to volunteer for United Way, please contact Ruthi at (920) 746-9645 or ruthi@unitedwaydc.com.