

2009 Volunteer Awards

In 2009, over 32,000 volunteer hours were donated by individuals and 130 groups. The dollar value of volunteer leadership was estimated at \$49,124. Leadership volunteers provide service for which The Gathering would otherwise have to pay. Later this year we will celebrate this amazing feat and acknowledge those individuals and groups who have reached milestones in their service to The Gathering's guests.

George Greene Award

Given for exceptional service by a guest turned volunteer is named after founder and long time Board President. This year's winner is Darrin Artin who has been volunteering daily at our Breakfast Program for over a year.

Individual Awards

The following individual volunteers reached **service milestones** in 2009 for number of years of continuous volunteering.

- 20 Years:** Vergie Bond, Toby Carney, Sheri Egan, Bobbie Evans, Dorothy Evans, Joe Graf, Lee Klugiewicz, Roger Kocher, Tom Nabke, Dick Niggemann, Kelly Niggemann, Mary Rockstad, Judy Young
- 15 Years:** Andy Stillman, Kay West
- 7 Years:** Dick Double, Meg Edwards, Mary Ellen Lukaszewicz, Connie Michalske, Jerry Michalske, Donna Seri, Janet Toter, Peggy Woodward
- 5 Years:** Harry Ansley, Marybeth Ansley, Cindy Berndt, Evert Berndt, Cheryl Ganske, Harvey Ganske, Deacon Ned Howe, Guy Schmitz, Kathy Schmitz, Pat Szopinski

Group Awards

The following groups reached **service milestones** in 2009 for number of times volunteering.

- 15+** City on a Hill;
- 25+** St. Boniface Episcopal Church, St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Veterans Recovery Center;
- 50+** Faith Reformed Church – Cedar Grove, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church;
- 65+** Immanuel Presbyterian Church;
- 85+** Slinger High School;
- 100+** Thomas More High School;
- 125+** Emanuel UCC – Hales Corners, Prince of Peace School;
- 150+** Our Lord's United Methodist Church;
- 250+** Marquette University High School;
- 300+** Project School-To-Work

Special Awards

Friend of The Gathering Awards

Given to agencies, groups or individuals who have demonstrated exceptional compassion and dedication to The Gathering itself or to those we serve.

- Akrit Sales & Services - Thousands of dollars of donated equipment repair
- Sue Bucholz - Johnson Control volunteer contact and long time Gathering supporter
- Mike Czarnecki/Food for the Hungry - Bread & Bakery donations weekly
- Kelli Laduron - Hunger Task Force food donations driver
- Betty Peterson - Faithful Dinner Program volunteer
- Roundy's Foundation - Thousands of pounds of donated food and supplies
- Bill & Mitzi Roy – Subbing as Breakfast Program Coordinators (adding to their long time Saturday lunch coordinating)
- Ruby Isle Pick 'n Save (Jason) - Weekly food donations
- Pat Valenti - Faithful Dinner Program volunteer
- Judy Young - 5 years office volunteer 3 aft/wk (see photo & caption)

Earl of Sandwich Awards

The following groups prepare sandwiches once a month for our guests to take with them following our Saturday lunches. Because the large scale dinner programs (St. Ben's and St. Vincent de Paul) do not serve on Saturday evenings, this gift helps stave off hunger until the next major meal – Sunday lunch at Open Door Café (St. John's Cathedral).

- Girl Scout Troop 1356 – Christ the King School
- Hindu Temple
- Wauwatosa Avenue United Methodist Church
- St. Augustine Catholic Church, West Allis