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10th Celebrating Excellence in Leadership Celebrates During National Volunteer Month

Medina, Ohio—Leadership Medina County invites the community to join us as we celebrate 15 final nominees from across Medina County during *National Volunteer Month*. Winners will be announced on Tuesday, April 11, 2023, and honored in a "Starfish-Studded" program at the Blair Conference Center. Winners will have an opportunity to deliver a 5-Word Speech representing the 5 points on a starfish. Event information is available at <https://leadershipmedinacounty.org>.

This event is dedicated to the life and work of Nancy Sprowls, former Executive Director at the Medina County Arts Council, Inc. and Leadership Medina County alum. All event donations will be divided between the winners in the six categories to support their nonprofit of choice.

Excellence in Business Leadership Nominees

Kathy Breitenbucher, Economic Developer, Medina County Economic Development Corporation

Don Miksch, VP Wealth & Investment, Huntington National Bank

Stephanie Mueller, Membership & Events Coordinator, Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce

Excellence in Emerging Leadership Nominees

Dawn Blue, Technical Content Assistant, Marketing, Wolff Brothers Supply, Inc.

Rachael Jolly-Kosakowski, Business Development Specialist, Jobs for Ohio's Graduates

Excellence in Education Leadership Nominees

Dr. Andy Hill, Superintendent, Wadsworth City School District

Rachel Krauss, Director of Student Services, Educational Service Center of Medina County

Excellence in Health Care Leadership Nominees

Julie Fetto, Chief Nursing Officer, Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital

Stefanie Robinson, Executive Director, Hope Recovery Community

Shelly Wharton, Associate Executive Director, The Society

Excellence in Medina County Leadership Nominees

Amy Demlow, Managing Partner, Critchfield, Critchfield and Johnston, Ltd.

Janie Parish, Executive Director, Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce

Excellence in Public Service Leadership Nominees

Nathan Eppink, Director, Medina County Park District

Katy Fuerst, Executive Director, Feeding Medina County

Lori Willkinson, Director, Soprema Senior Center & Café

Selected nonprofits include the following: Cathy's House. Chippewa Lake Lions Club Foundation, Feeding Medina County, Friends of the EMA, Integrated Community Services, Maggie's Mission Dog and Horse Rescue, Marian's Closet, Medina Cares, Out Support, Inc., Project Learn, Recovery Center of Medina County, Wadsworth Older Adults Foundation (WOAF), Wadsworth Salvation Army, and the Wounded Warrior Project.

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About Celebrating Excellence in Leadership Awards:

Established in 2004, Celebrating Excellence in Leadership Awards received 33 entries from across Medina County this year. The awards are selected by a committee of volunteers and presented by Leadership Medina County.

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