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Volunteers honored at Noblesville Chamber meeting



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The Noblesville Volunteer Award winners were honored during Wednesday's Chamber of Commerce meeting. The program recognizes Noblesville residents and organizations who contribute their time and talent to the betterment of others.

Pictured: Bill Taylor, Kai Strubel, Cindy Haas, Greg Ayers, Anita Beck, Mayor John Ditslear, Griffin Janosky, Chuck Layton, David Pimley, Eric Warne (with BlueSky Technology Partners). Not pictured are Ty Chilton, Dane Jeon, and Cameron Thompson.

At Wednesday's monthly Chamber of Commerce luncheon, the winners of this year's Noblesville Volunteer Awards were honored. This program was created in 2013 by Vision Noblesville to recognize Noblesville residents and Noblesville-based organizations who voluntarily contribute their time and talent to the betterment of others. Nominations are reviewed by the Vision Noblesville Volunteer Council and winners are selected in seven different categories. The Volunteer Council consists of Noblesville residents as well as representatives from local businesses and the City of Noblesville.

"Several outstanding nominations were submitted this year which illustrates the commitment and caring that Noblesville residents and organizations have for our community. My deep appreciation goes out not only to all who were nominated, but to all volunteers who work hard to make our city a better place," said Mayor John Ditslear.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2014 Noblesville Volunteer Awards:

◆ All-Around Volunteer: Bill Taylor – Bill has been an active, hands-on supporter of The Boys and Girls Club of Noblesville as well as many other organizations including the Noblesville Schools Education Foundation, the Chamber of Commerce, and others.

◆ Faith-Based Volunteer: Anita Beck –Anita is a dedicated and longtime volunteer for the Noblesville First United Methodist Church and in particular, has coordinated and run the church's Sunshine Friends program for many years.

◆ Mayor's Volunteer Award: Greg Ayers– Greg has been a longtime, active member of the Sunrisers Kiwanis as well as a volunteer and supporter of Boy Scouts.

◆ **Dr. Earl Brooks Outstanding Environmentalist: Cindy Haas – Cindy has volunteered for years to beautify Noblesville through her service with the Hamilton County Master Gardener Association and Keep Noblesville Beautiful.**

◆ Corporate Volunteerism: BlueSky Technology Partners – BlueSky employees, under the leadership of Todd Irwin, are active volunteers for seven different organizations in Hamilton County.

◆ Exemplary Service Learning: Ty Chilton, Griffin Janosky, Dane Jeon, David Pimley, Kai Strubel, and Cameron Thompson – These young men are juniors at Noblesville High School and began choosing service projects when they were freshmen. Since that time, they have led 87 volunteers in providing over 1360 hours of service and raised over \$2300 to fund their service projects.

◆ Lifetime Achievement Award: Chuck Layton – Chuck is a Korean War veteran and former POW who is currently an active volunteer and Board member for Meals on Wheels. He has volunteered for many organizations through the years.

For more information about the Volunteer Awards including how to submit a nomination for the 2015 awards, contact Cindy Benedict with the City of Noblesville at (317) 770-2007 or cbenedict@noblesville.in.us.