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Meet Cindy Haas, winner of the Serve Indiana Award

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I've worked with volunteers in four states over the years, and Noblesville has some pretty impressive ones. Many residents help out in a variety of ways, but all of it is considered "standard operating practice" in Noblesville. I'm not alone in recognizing our talented volunteers. For the second year in a row, the State of Indiana is awarding one of our own for her outstanding service to the community.

Meet **Cindy Haas, the 2014 winner of the Serve Indiana Award for Excellence in Volunteerism presented by the State of Indiana.** Cindy was given this award Wednesday at the annual Indiana Nonprofit Summit with hundreds in attendance. She was recognized for a long track record of volunteer service, especially for her efforts to improve and enhance the environment.

Cindy Haas of Noblesville is the 2014 winner of the Serve Indiana Award for Excellence in Volunteerism presented by the State of Indiana, on Wednesday at the annual Indiana Nonprofit Summit. She poses for a photo with Noblesville Mayor John Ditslear. Photo provided

Cindy works for MDwise, a nonprofit health care company where she recently received the "You Make a Difference" award for outstanding customer service. **She is a founding member of Keep Noblesville Beautiful and has worked to beautify the city through annual daffodil plantings, Adopt-A-Highway clean-ups, Neighborhood Cleanup Blitzes, and the annual Arbor Day Tree Giveaway.**

By the way, Cindy started/chaired all these efforts and is known for her organizational prowess where she has donated over 300 hours just "in the office." This doesn't count the large amount of work she does through the Hamilton County Master Gardener's Association or the Grace Gardeners group at Our Lady of Grace Church. She is also an Indiana Department of Natural Resources Tree Steward. Cindy's hand has probably been in every corner of dirt in Noblesville and her hard work shows each spring. Her passion to make our city colorful, clean, and vibrant has made a huge difference.

Cindy joins other Noblesville winners: Sue Treida, who won the 2013 Indiana Award for Faith-Based Volunteerism, and Helmer Scientific, who won the 2013 Indiana Corporate Volunteer award. In two years, 20% of the State of Indiana volunteer award winners have come from Noblesville. That just proves my point - Noblesville volunteers are pretty impressive.

Congratulations Cindy! We are so lucky that you call Noblesville home.