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Local Outreach Specialist receives humanitarian award for years of service

The St. Joseph Rotary club East presents Sally Green with the Larry A. Jones Humanitarian Award

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On May 8, St. Joseph Rotary Club East presented Sally Underwood Green with the Larry A. Jones Humanitarian Award. This award is presented to a citizen that “has

furthered the Rotary’s mission of peace and understanding in their community and beyond, helping create an environment of support and prosperity for all mankind.”

Sally has been an important part of Andrew County for decades. She has worked as an Outreach Specialist at Community Action Partnership of Greater St. Joseph’s (CAP St. Joe) Andrew County office for 25 years, building relationships with program participants and helping them achieve economic sustainability.

“I know what it’s like to be a single parent, and I know what it’s like to not know what your kids will eat, because there’s not enough money coming in,” she says. “I will do everything I can so another single mom doesn’t have to be embarrassed or forget who they are and can move up.”

Susie Campbell nominated Sally Green after working on a success story project for Community Action Partnership. She soon discovered that “Sally goes above and beyond such initiatives to truly change lives far beyond her job requirements.” Susie cites Sally’s work connecting local churches with families who needed home repairs, which involved extensive renovation for one family and adding a wheel chair ramp for another.

“In talking with Sally’s clients,” Susan wrote in her nomination form, “one word continues to surface: friend. Sally builds strong connections with each of her clients, taking her mission

beyond assistance and offering individuals in need the promise of hope and the blessing of friendship. She is truly deserving of this award.”

“I am so pleased that Sally received this award for her dedication to service to others,” says Dave Leyland, CAP St. Joe’s Executive Director. “For 25 years Sally has made a difference in the lives of the people we serve. By going the extra mile, Sally exemplifies one of Community Actions Partnership’s core values of providing dignity and decency to all we serve.

“I’m also grateful for Eastside Rotary’s dedication to the community. Our community benefits greatly by Eastside Rotary Club’s community service projects that address many of our community’s most critical issues, such as children at risk, poverty and hunger, the environment, illiteracy, and violence.”

Community Action Partnership has provided programs to move low-income families out of poverty since 1965, serving nearly 16,000 people in poverty in Andrew, Buchanan, Clinton and DeKalb Counties. Head Start is one of the core programs managed by the agency. Additional services provided by Community Action Partnership to low-income families include utilities assistance, affordable housing, financial literacy and home ownership classes, life skills and workforce training. For more information, visit www.endpov.com.

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