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**United Way of Door County presents “Magnificent” Volunteer of the Year Award**

For the past fifteen years, United Way of Door County has presented a community member with The Bob Steifvater “Magnificent” Volunteer Award at their annual meeting. Bob Steifvater personified the spirit of volunteerism. His response to any greeting was always “magnificent”. This one word embodied Bob’s attitude towards his community, family, and friends. Those who receive this award will represent and continue his spirit through their United Way volunteerism.

On Thursday evening, April 3<sup>rd</sup> United Way presented the 2013 award to Pamela Parks for her dedication to United Way for many years. Pamela and her family live in Brussels and she is a free-lance writer who has done an excellent job of bringing awareness to the issues within our county.

Although Pamela has not always been directly involved in United Way, she had some tie to United Way either through her professional or volunteer work in our community. She was one of United Way’s campaign co-chairs some years ago and did an excellent job of bringing increased awareness and new donors to our organization.

No matter where life has taken Pamela over the years, she remained committed to her community. Whether it be her ‘job’ as a parent, being actively involved in her children’s school or 4-H club, she has always been a shining star.

Her faith is equally important to Pamela and she and her family are active in their church. She also coordinates Operation Christmas Child for our area. She is able to motivate people in becoming involved in their community with her incredible speaking ability. Pamela is the lead singer in her extended family’s band, Parks, Phillips.

Pamela is the proud mother of three children and is married to Jarrod Parks.

Past recipients of this award are Bill Behme, Dianne Trenchard, Jane Stevenson, Denise Stillman, Mert Larsen, Jeannine Kelsey, Christine Conlon & Nancy Kasten, J. Scott Mainard, Grace Rossman, J. Eric Paulsen, WDOR Radio Stations, Tonya Felhofer, Julie Behnke, Steve & Kelly Hellmann, Peter Kerwin, and Nancy Hanson. Amy Kohnle, executive director stated, “Everyone who volunteers for United Way demonstrates their commitment to Door County and their neighbors. Each and every one of these volunteers are very important to us. We would not be where we are today without the strength and knowledge of volunteers. Our volunteers truly further our mission of empowering people to build better lives.”

For more information on how to volunteer for United Way, please contact Ruthi at (920) 746-9645 or [ruthi@unitedwaydc.com](mailto:ruthi@unitedwaydc.com).