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Lt. Governor Holcomb and Dr. Wernert announce 2016 Golden Hoosier Award recipients

INDIANAPOLIS – [Lt. Governor Eric Holcomb](#) was joined at the Indiana Statehouse this afternoon by Dr. John Wernert, Secretary of [Indiana Family & Social Services Administration](#) (FSSA) and Yonda Snyder, Director of the Division of Aging, to announce the 2016 Golden Hoosier Award recipients.

The award, which began in 2008, annually honors a group of outstanding Hoosier senior citizens for their lifetime of service and commitment to their communities. The award is considered one of the highest honors given by the State of Indiana to senior citizens.

“The Hoosier values of service to our communities and helping our neighbors is well-represented by this year’s honorees,” said Lt. Governor Holcomb. “It is truly an honor to recognize this year’s Golden Hoosier recipients for the dedication they show their communities and for the tremendous example they set for future generations.”

Given annually, eligibility criteria for the Golden Hoosier Award includes being a current Indiana resident aged 65 or older and a volunteer in the community for at least the past three years.

This year's Golden Hoosier Award winners are:

- Ron Abplanalp: Batesville
- Mary Brooks: Huntington
- Richard and Susan Brooks: Michigan City
- Ellen Byers: West Lafayette
- Marie Caster: Kokomo
- David Court: Lakeville
- Bettye Green: South Bend
- Mary Ellen LaMar: Hagerstown
- Anita McColleston: Granger
- Wyatt Mick: Mishawaka
- Bettye Monks: Winchester

- Michael Newton: Indianapolis
- Jean Nowaskie: Vincennes
- John Place: Richmond
- Marylou Powers: Dillsboro
- Marilyn Robertson: Ellettsville
- William Sisson: Cory
- Carroll Vasblinder: Terre Haute
- Nell Warda: Indianapolis
- Marilyn Waumans: Mishawaka

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