

*The*  
Torchbearer Awards



INDIANA  
COMMISSION  
*for* women

March 6, 2013

## *About the Council of Judges*

The Council of Judges is a statewide panel made up of anonymous volunteers. Each judge reads and scores all the nominations independently before they come together for a meeting, Each nomination was considered for the following:

- Has this woman broken through social or economic barriers, or pursued an area where women have not traditionally been?
- Have the efforts of this woman made a change or influence for the greater good in her community, profession or state?
- Has this woman made a contribution under challenging circumstances?
- Is this woman simply doing her job well – and what is expected of her – or has she taken risks to change the status quo or drive an organization to a higher level of excellence?

When the judges meet, all the nominations are scored again. Based on aggregate scores amongst the judges, the Torchbearer Award recipients are selected. Then, the Council of Judges determines who shall receive Torchbearer Awards or other special recognition, such as the Lifetime Achievement Award. The final decision of the Council must be unanimous.

## *Past Recipients*

### **2004**

Ms. Alexandra Holderman  
Ms. Ana Guisti  
The Hon. Andrea McCord  
Ms. Cecilia Weber  
Ms. Charlotte Zietlow  
Ms. Cordelia Lewis-Burks  
Ms. Donna Gore Olsen  
Ms. Glenda J. Steele  
Ms. Jane H. Martin  
Ms. Jane S. Fribley  
Ms. Joyce A. Sommers  
Ms. Judy H. Singleton  
The Hon. Julia Carson  
The Hon. Katherine Lyon Davis  
Ms. Lucy Himstedt  
Ms. Marjorie J. Albohm  
Ms. Martha O. Chiscon  
Ms. Mary Bennett  
Ms. Mary Joan Dickson  
Ms. Myra C. Selby  
Dr. Patricia Anne Treadwell, MD  
Ms. Sue Webster  
Ms. Virginia M. O'Leary

### **2005**

Ms. Alecia A. DeCoudreaux  
Ms. Alta Chrapliwy  
Dr. Angela Barron McBride, PhD.  
Ms. Anne K. Shane  
Ms. Bonnie Bazata  
Ms. Carol D'Amico  
The Hon. Carolene Mays  
Dr. Catherine Winslow  
Ms. Claudette Einhorn  
The Hon. Connie Nass  
The Hon. Diane Kavadias Schneider  
Ms. Dianne H. McCabe  
Ms. Eva Kor  
Ms. Heather Bolejack  
President Jo Ann Gora  
Dr. Julie Novak  
Ms. Kelly Frank  
Ms. Margaret Curtis  
Mrs. Mary Jane Gonzalez  
Ms. Mary Lou Schnell  
Ms. Mitzi Witchger  
Ms. Patricia Keiffner  
Ms. Patricia G. Barnes  
Ms. Shelia Jenkins  
The Hon. Teresa Lubbers  
The Hon. Virginia Dill McCarty

### **2006**

Ms. Ann DeLaney  
The Hon. Becky Skillman  
Ms. Becky Pryor  
Dr. Beverly Pitts  
The Hon. Connie Lawson  
Ms. Dawn Rosemond  
Ms. Glenda Russell  
Ms. Jennifer Ruby  
Ms. Joyce Q. Rogers, Esq.  
Ms. Julie Davis  
Ms. Kim Boyd  
Ms. Kristen Tucker  
Ms. Marissa Manlove  
Ms. Marjorie O'Laughlin  
The Hon. Mary Kay Budak  
Ms. Natasha Johns  
Ms. Nicholette Clements  
Dr. Ora Pescovitz  
Ms. Pat McQuade  
Ms. Patricia Miller  
Ms. Phyllis Thompson  
Ms. Rita Price Simpson  
Ms. Susan Williams  
St. Mother Theodore Guerin  
Dr. Virginia Caine

### **2008\***

Ms. Andrea Myers  
Ms. Beth Bechdol  
Ms. Beth Stein  
Ms. Betty Blakenship  
Ms. Billie Drago  
Ms. Bren Simon  
Ms. Carole Stein  
Ms. Christina Ernst  
Ms. Diana Brenner  
Ms. Elizabeth Robinson  
Ms. Ellen Moore  
Ms. Erin Slater  
Ms. Fay H. Williams  
Ms. Gazella Summitt  
Ms. Janna Foxx  
Ms. Kristen Bertrand  
Ms. Lettie Oliver  
Ms. Linda Rendleman  
Sister Marie Kevin Tighe  
Ms. Marjorie Soyugenc  
Ms. Melissa Proffitt Reese  
The Hon. Sarah Evans Barker  
Rep. Susan Crosby  
Rabbi Susan Laikin Shifron  
The Hon. V. Sue Shields  
Ms. Yvonne H. Shaheen

### **2009**

Ms. Angie Hicks  
Ms. Anita Price  
Ms. Barbara Corn Mitchell  
Ms. Becky (Rebecca) Zaseck  
Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter  
Ms. Caterina Cregor Blitzer  
Ms. Celestine Johnson  
Ms. Dorothy Webb  
Dr. Irene Queiro-Tajalli  
Ms. Janet Allen  
Ms. Jessica Moore  
Dr. Juana Orellan Watson  
Dr. Margaret J. Blythe  
Dr. Mary R. Rouse  
Ms. Miriam Acevedo Davis  
Ms. Pat Koch  
Ms. Patricia A. Watchel  
Ms. Tasha Phelps

### **2010**

Ms. Aida McCammon  
Ms. Barbara Holder  
Ms. Betsy Voss Lease  
Ms. Crystal S. Meadows  
Ms. Gerry Hollingsworth Jones  
Ms. Janie Chenault Craig  
Ms. Joan Uebelhoer  
Brig. Gen. Margaret S. Washburn  
Dr. Sally Brown Bassett  
Ms. Vida Harley-Bridges

### **2011**

Ms. Cheryl Joan Hillenburg  
Ms. Cynthia Hubert  
Ms. Dessie Partenheimer Koch  
Ms. Elaine Bedel  
Ms. Ellen K. Annala  
Ms. Harriet Miller  
Ms. Janie Montgomery  
Ms. Katie Stam  
Ms. Maria Larrison  
Dr. Maria Del Rio Hoover  
Ms. Susan W. Brooks  
Ms. Tanya R. Bell

### **2012**

Ms. Carol Dawson  
Ms. Carolyn Pearson  
Ms. Cathy Holloway Hill  
Ms. Dana Renay  
Dr. Diane Buyer  
Ms. Laura Ciriello-Benedict  
Ms. Lisa Jeff  
Ms. Marilyn Skinner  
Ms. Melissa Martin  
Ms. Vernell Thomas  
Ms. Viola Taliaferro

WELCOME  
to the

2013

*Torchbearer Awards:*  
*Indiana's Salute to Women*

Presented by  
THE INDIANA COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

Thursday, March 6, 2013

*\*In FY 2007 the Annual Torchbearer Awards were moved from November 2007 to January 2008.*

# *The Ceremony*

# *The Indiana Commission for Women*

## **PERFORMANCE BY**

Broad Ripple Magnet High School  
Golden Singers

## **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF THE 2013 TORCHBEARER AWARD RECIPIENTS**

Kelly Vaughn, Emcee

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann

## **MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR**

Betsy Corridan

## **PRESENTATION OF THE 2013 TORCHBEARER AWARDS**

## **CLOSING REMARKS**

Kristin Svyantek Garvey

## **CLOSING PERFORMANCE BY**

Broad Ripple Magnet High School  
Golden Singers

## **OFFICERS**

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Second Vice Chair: Patzetta Trice, Indianapolis  
Secretary: Cindy Felsten, Columbus  
Treasurer: Anne Jacoby, Vincennes

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Sen. Jean Breaux, Indianapolis  
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Amy McQueen, , Shelbyville  
Rep. Gail Riecken, Evansville  
Erin Smith, Greenwood

## **STAFF**

Kristin Svyantek Garvey, Executive Director

## About the Indiana Commission for Women

The Indiana Commission for Women (ICW) is a bi-partisan advisory commission established in 1992 and enacted as a state Commission in 1996.

The ICW is committed to the full participation of women in all aspects of society in order to make Indiana a better place to live, work and raise a family. The ICW works to **move Indiana women forward** by understanding the needs of Indiana women and their families and by working strategically both within government and in our communities to help bring about positive solutions. The ICW acts as the voice of women, communicating their needs and concerns as well as their successes and contributions, so that they can become better connected to their communities and to the tools, resources and opportunities needed to find their own voice.

The Indiana Commission for Women:

- Continually strives for women's **EQUALITY** in all aspects of society by removing barriers that hinder their participation.
- Acts as the **VOICE** of women to the public sector, communicating their needs and concerns as well as their successes and contributions so that they can become better connected to their communities and to the tools, resources and opportunities needed to find their own voice.
- Believes that **COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS** between like-minded agencies, organizations, and stakeholders engaged in meaningful dialogue will augment individual efforts to shift societal attitudes and change cultural mindsets.

## The Recipients

### MARY AURTREY



Mary Aurtrey is a Systems Accountant in the Systems Management Directorate at the Defense Finance & Accounting Service, Indianapolis. Some of her responsibilities include managing Systems Interface Agreements, Contingency Operations Planning, and Financial Management Internal Controls. She has successfully completed the Lean6 Black Belt Training. She has a Masters Degree in Executive Development (Ball State University) and an Accounting Degree (Vincennes University). She is a graduate of the U.S. Army Sergeants Major Academy. Mary served in the United States Army for 22 years, retiring at the highest enlisted rank of Sergeant Major (E-9) at Fort Benjamin Harrison (Indianapolis) and serving during the Vietnam and Desert Storm eras. For her service she earned the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal with 2d Oak Leaf Cluster, the Joint Service Commendation Medal and the Army Commendation Medal with the 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster. She is currently the Network Director for Women In Networking (WIN), Indianapolis, a professional women's network of the National Association for Female Executives (NAFE).

### SR. JEANNE HAGELSKAMP, LP



Sr. Jeanne Hagelskamp is a lifelong educator who chose to use her gifts in service to inner city children so that their lives would be transformed by education. She has been both a teacher and an administrator as well as an advocate, lobbyist, fundraiser, evaluator, and consultant. At the request of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis and her congregation, the Sisters of Providence, she established Providence Cristo Rey High School on the near west side of Indianapolis in the Hawthorne neighborhood in 2007. After the feasibility study was completed in 2005, she was involved with the initial planning in 2005 through the opening of the doors in 2007 until today. Part of the national Cristo Rey Network of schools, PCRHS provides a challenging, college prep education harnessed to a distinctive Corporate Work Study program to economically disadvantaged students. She was the founding president of the school and currently serves as principal, a position from which she will retire at the end of the school year in 2013. Under her watch, the six-year-old school has had every one of its graduates accepted to college. Her leadership in the area of urban education is unrivaled in our state. Like Saint Mother Theodore Guerin, the patroness of her congregation and a recipient of a 2006 Torchbearer Award for Pioneer Spirit, Sr. Jeanne changed the face of education in our city by demonstrating that inner city kids can achieve academically.

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### **ANNE HATHAWAY**



Anne has a lifetime of experience and has built a record of success from the grassroots all the way to the very highest levels of American politics. She served in the Bush-Quayle White House, managed the Indiana House Republican Campaign Committee, served as Chief of Staff of the Republican National Committee and was asked by Governor Mitt Romney to serve as the Program Director of the 2012 Republican National Convention in Tampa, Florida. Today, Anne is the President of her own company, Hathaway Strategies,

an Indianapolis-based consulting firm. She is also Executive Director of the Richard G. Lugar Excellence in Public Service Series - a women's political leadership program, State Director for Maggie's List, and is a member of the Board of the Directors of the bipartisan Women's Campaign School at Yale University.

### **DEBORAH HEARN SMITH**



Deborah has been a part of the Girl Scouts of Indianapolis all her life, beginning at age 5 as a Girl Scout Brownie and continuing through the age of 17 when she earned the Curved Bar (now known as the Girl Scout Gold Award), the highest award in Girl Scouting. She serves as chief executive officer of Girl Scouts of Central Indiana, the premiere national leadership organization for girls. Deborah's community activities include United Way of Central Indiana's Agency Executive Council, Indianapolis

Public Schools Education Foundation, Kiwanis Foundation board of directors, Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities, Deaf Camp of Indianapolis board of directors, and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. Deborah is a founding member of the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, former member of the Jameson Camp board and Very Special Arts board, former president of Circle City Chapter of the Links and former national treasurer of the American Camping Association. Deborah's community awards include Kiwanis Club of Indianapolis Civic Award, Martin University's Award, Black Police Association's Community Service Award and Women's Empowerment Leadership Award.

## *Program Participants*

### **KELLY VAUGHN**



Kelly Vaughn is the local voice and face of the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" on WTLC-FM. The long-time Indianapolis Radio/TV Host & News Personality keeps commuters company on their drive into work with news and community information. Vaughn is host and producer of "Access Indy", a one hour Magazine show that highlights the best in business, community and lifestyle for Indianapolis, Sunday mornings from 8am-9am. Kelly was named "female radio personality of the year" by Indianapolis Woman Magazine in 2005.

Kelly is also a motivational speaker, event planner and founder/producer of the "Dancing with the Media Stars", a local production modeled after the hit TV show that raises money for local charities. Ms. Vaughn has received many honors in her 25-year career, including awards from Indiana Black Expo, the Indiana State Medical Association and the Center for Leadership Development.

### **BROAD RIPPLE MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL GOLDEN SINGERS**



Originally built in 1886 in the town of Broad Ripple, the school started with seven students. The campus was destroyed by fire near the start of the 20th century but was rebuilt. In 1923, the school joined the Indianapolis Public Schools when the town of Broad Ripple was annexed into Indianapolis. Through the 1930s and 1940s, the school continued to grow. In 1961, the school became a haven for high school education in Indianapolis. Once a predominantly white, middle class school, and the last high school in the Indianapolis Public Schools to integrate, Broad Ripple gradually integrated in the 1950s and the first class to graduate African Americans was 1953. In 1976, the Center for Performing & Visual Arts was created within the school. Two years later, the Center for Humanities became the second magnet program offered at Broad Ripple High School. The Center for Performing & Visual Arts and Center for Humanities at Broad Ripple High School offer students the opportunity for specialized study in the areas of arts and humanities. Both magnet programs provide college preparatory and individualized instruction designed to develop the skills and knowledge necessary to compete and succeed as productive citizens.

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### **KATHY REEHLING**



Kathy Reehling is Owner and President of The CREW Corporation, a unique electrical contractor that also completes validation/commissioning and technical writing projects. After working for Purdue as a 4-H Extension Agent, Kathy decided to become a full-time Mom after the birth of her son Grant in 1986. After the birth of her daughter Amanda in 1990, Kathy was asked to complete a 12 week assignment at Eli Lilly and Company. This led to Kathy starting The CREW Corporation in 1995 after she discovered that FDA

Validation could be completed more cost effectively by electricians and technical writers than engineers. Today CREW employs 70 employees and completes a wide variety of projects with revenue of almost \$10 million a year. Kathy has been a 4-H Leader and 4-H Project Judge for 27 years, is the current Secretary for the Indiana 4-H Foundation; the Chair of EmployIndy, and a member of the Board of Directors for the National Electrical Contractors Association.

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### **MARY ROBERTA HEIMAN**



Roberta Heiman has touched the lives of many people in the Evansville community – as a 42-year reporter, including 35 years in Evansville (earlier in Kendallville and Ft. Wayne) for the local newspaper and as a participant and leader of a wide range of not-for-profit organizations. In both roles she has been a crusader for improved quality of life and for equal rights, particularly for those least able to fight for themselves. Without ever taking a class in journalism, Roberta stumbled into a job in Kendallville, Indiana, after just

three semesters of college, none of it related to journalism. But she worked hard, taking the advice of the city editor who mentored her; she worked long hours and then read late into the night the books her editor thought would educate her to the ways of her craft. She covered underdogs such as nursing-home patients and victims of child abuse or took on the powerful in stories on pollution or health care. The list of awards Roberta won was long. But the awards embarrassed her. She was committed to building a better community and shining light on the plight of those whom society sometimes forgets.

### **LYN ISBELL**



In 2000, Lyn was approached by an old friend at church who knew of her talents to start a dance drill team with the children, using dance steps to teach the children bible scriptures. Inventing dance routines that could be associated with the bible verses inspired the name, Soul Steppers. Even though the Soul Steppers had become well known in the community, it was Lyn's tenacity in securing an appearance at the Apollo Theater in Harlem, New York and transporting the entire 35-member team there that launched the

Soul Steppers on their national award-winning journey. Lyn remains committed to her local community, using the Soul Steppers to inspire disadvantaged children to dream big dreams, work hard and to persevere in their ambitions. She has brought unprecedented fame and attention to her local community with her impressive list of awards throughout the country, even performing at President Obama's Inaugural parades both in 2009 and 2013.

## *The Recipients*

### **NANCY KING**



Nancy King is a South Bend, IN, native with a wide range of community involvement, leadership, and recognition for her work in helping others, particularly women and people in poverty. A board member of several key community institutions, King has served as president of the South Bend Community School Corporation, president of the YWCA of St. Joseph County Board of Directors and chair of St. Joseph County Bridges Out of Poverty, as well as a member of the boards for the Morris Performing Arts Center, the

Community Foundation of St. Joseph County, The Public Education Foundation Inc. and the South Bend Redevelopment Commission. She is the recipient of numerous community awards. In her professional life, Nancy is vice president and trust officer for Indiana Trust & Investment Management Co. Prior to joining Indiana Trust & Investment Management in 2004, she served from 1996 to 2003 as senior vice president and chief administrative officer of St. Joseph Capital Bank (now Old National Bank) in Mishawaka.

### **BOBBIE MAGLEY**



Bobbie Jean Magley (BJ) was born and raised in Macon, Georgia and attended West Georgia College where she met her husband, Patrick Magley. Due to prejudice laws and the dangers of being interracially married in the South, BJ moved to South Bend, Indiana – the hometown of her husband in 1974. Mrs. Magley was the first African-American woman to raise \$1.3M for the United Way of St. Joseph County where she worked for 5 years. In 1989, answering the call from God, she joined her husband for a life of service

to the fatherless children in their community by establishing Heroes Camp Inc. Mrs. Magley's positive attitude serves as inspiration to single mothers through her monthly workshops on self-esteem, parenting, and giving-back. In recent years, the Magley's were awarded twice by Indiana Governor Mitch Daniels receiving the Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. Chairman's Award (2010) and the Sam Jones Trailblazer Award (2011) for their work with Heroes Camp.

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### **GINNY O'CONNOR**



Virginia (Ginny) Winn O'Connor came to St. Mary's School of Nursing at 18 and was impacted by the Daughters of Charity who ran each floor of the hospital during her training. She recalls the nuns teaching students to "see Christ" in their patients and the inspiration she felt from the individual Daughters trying to improve the lives of those less fortunate. She worked in St. Mary's OB/GYN/Peds Clinic, staying for almost 25 years. In 1996, she, and a Daughter of Charity, developed the St. Mary's Mobile Outreach

Clinic Services. She managed a mobile medical unit and later a mobile dental unit for children that travels to schools. She retired from St. Mary's in 2001 to care for her 95-year-old mother before her death. In 2002, she began 7 years of work with the Evansville-Vanderburgh School Corporation on the School Community Council, a collaboration of schools and community organizations working to improve the lives of children and families. She has chaired health committees and helped establish multiple health programs in schools.

### **SHANEL POOLE**



Shanel had a very difficult childhood that left her confused, disheartened with herself and society, and living in her car at age 18. Through her strength of character, perseverance and good use of resources, she got on her feet, obtained her G.E.D. and became a full-time student at Indiana State University. Despite not having any formal and regular education from the time she was 14 years old, she earned her Bachelor's Degree from Indiana State University in 2010.

Although living on a limited budget, Shanel used the little money she had to establish G.L.A.M., (Guidance, Life-Skills And Mentoring, a program serving 9-18 year old at-risk girls), during her sophomore year of college. Through G.L.A.M., Inc, Shanel offers comprehensive programs that prepare and empower at-risk young women to live independent and productive lives. Because of the effectiveness of Shanel's work, Indianapolis Public Schools has hired Shanel for the last 3 years to work with their at-risk girls at an alternative school.