

ACTS Annual Volunteer and Donor Recognition Dinner

On March 2nd, ACTS celebrated the contributions of many in our community who help ensure ACTS has the volunteer and financial resources necessary to deliver our mission. We recognized our more than 300 volunteers who provide their time and talent to support our client services. Our individual, corporate donors and grant funders were acknowledged for their financial generosity that sustains our services for clients who are struggling with poverty.

Certain volunteers were identified for their exemplary service in 2019.



Janice Sams is one of our newer volunteers, having started in 2018. She is a team player who eagerly covers for other volunteers, is always cheerful and the clients appreciate her caring demeanor.

ACTS has several husband and wife volunteer teams, some of whom volunteer together and some in different programs. This year, we recognized **Dick and Jean Cook and Wayne and Linda Ayres**.

Both couples have served at ACTS for numerous years. Dick and Wayne volunteer in the Food Pantry taking care of clients' food needs and Jean and Linda help sort clothing donations to ensure they are ready to place on

the Resale Store floor. We are blessed to have both couples who together serve with compassion and consistency.

Donna Eidson, another one of ACTS newer volunteers, logged more than 1,500 hours during her first year with the ACTS of Graniteville Resale Store. Her background as a teacher, nurse and preacher has helped build a great rapport with our customers and volunteers.



The NAACP Youth (above) have volunteered with ACTS' Saturday Senior Food Program for multiple years.

First Presbyterian Church was one of the original churches that helped found ACTS in 1986. Five years ago, under the leadership of Beth Beckham and Jody Fordham, the Church initiated the ACTS Christmas Store as another mission to serve low income families with children. The Store celebrated its fifth year in 2019 and now provides opportunities for families to "shop" for their children's birthdays year-round.

Cory Dunker, ACTS 2019 Volunteer of the Year *(photo to the right)*

Cory has been an ACTS volunteer since 2003 serving in a variety of capacities. He and his family started with the Senior Food Program providing home delivery to our senior clients. Cory works full-time and volunteers on his days off. Cory is always cheerful and upbeat, and praises God in all that he does. ACTS is honored to recognize Cory as our 2019 Volunteer of the Year.



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