

Presenting the 2006 Most Treasured Volunteers



the coordinator of the weekly KIDS Church program, she also spends 6 to 10 hours each week visiting homes, discreetly identifying family needs and helping connect them with sources of help. No one officially asked her to do that; she saw a need and stepped in to fill it. Norma's take-charge attitude and her belief that early intervention is the best intervention have helped numerous children and their families over the past five years.

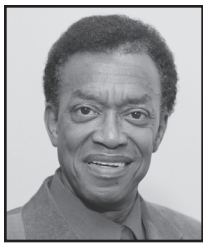
Norma Anderson

(Photo unavailable) Norma is at the heart of the growing youth program at Nueva Luz Urban Resource Center. Not only is she



Tung Chia Li

Over 8 years, T.C. developed her volunteer role at Judson at University Circle. Starting by visiting residents who had no family or friends, she began assisting with arts and crafts, leading exercise programs, and escorting residents on strolls, on errands, and to social events. She has a wonderful talent for making friends and playing whatever role the residents need—even if it's just being a good listener. She also serves as a volunteer social worker with an international charitable foundation. T.C. leads by living her belief that "when our mind is concentrated in benefiting others, our own problems become relatively diminished and much easier to accept, to face, and to reconcile."



Frederic Gordon

It takes leadership and persistence to get a new program started. Frederic played that kind of role in development of St. Vincent Charity Hospital's Diabetes Self-Management Program. When the program had no office and only 2 part-time professionals, Frederic did everything the staff didn't have time to do. He handled correspondence, directed patient flow, helped transport patients, and assisted with commercials and community outreach events. He played a pivotal role in the growth of a local program addressing a major health concern in America.

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Claire List

(Photo unavailable) Claire's experience with Achievement Centers for Children shows that it doesn't require many years of involvement to show leadership. For the past year, she has given an unprecedented 100 hours every month to program administration, therapeutic riding programs, and horse care. She not only teaches therapeutic riding, she also develops new challenges for the students and continuing education classes for other volunteers, grooms horses and mucks their stalls, helps secure funding, and takes on any other task that needs to be done—all with a no-nonsense, can-do attitude and a welcoming smile.



Marci and Marty Trimmer

Think of all the things you could accomplish in 1,200 hours. The Trimmers have each spent that many hours helping the children of Providence House over the last five years. Whether it's providing personal care, playing games, cooking, sweeping floors, assembling furniture, or organizing and maintaining a food inventory for 18,000 meals and 12,000 snacks—the Trimmers are there. In addition, Marty provides a positive male role model for many children who have little significant contact with their fathers. The Trimmers truly lead by example.



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