



**United Way
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Terry Henry honored with United Way Community Service Award

The only previous United Way of Bradley County volunteer to win the coveted "Big Chief" campaign award twice was honored Tuesday night with United Way's highest honor at the organization's Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet.

Terry Henry became the 36th person to receive the William F. Johnson Sr. Community Service Award Tuesday at the event, which was held at the Life Care Centers of America's Professional Development Center.

The award was presented by last year's recipients: Bob Card and Keith Barrett.



Henry, Senior Vice President of Accounting and Assistant Treasurer at Life Care Centers of America, has served in many volunteer positions with United Way over the past 14 years. He presently serves as Secretary for the United Way's Board of Directors, a position he has held since 2004. He has been a member of the United Way Executive Committee since 2001.

He has also served twice as Campaign Co-Chairman. In 2001, he served as Co-Chairman with John Kimball, and in 2006, he co-chaired the campaign with Stephen Crass. Henry has also served on numerous committees, such as the Bradley Memorial Hospital Distribution, Personnel, Blue Ribbon and many others.

The William F. Johnson Sr. Community Service Award originated in 1977. The award is presented every year to a volunteer who has demonstrated hard work and a passion for the United Way of Bradley County's community efforts over a long period of time.

"Terry has been very involved with United Way for as long as I have known him," said Barrett, "and you can tell that he has a true passion for helping others. I know from my past experience as a Campaign Co-Chairman and Board Chairman the time that Terry has put into working with United Way, not only as a Board and Executive Committee member, but also during the campaigns at Life Care."

Life Care Centers of America was recognized at Tuesday's meeting for having the top fundraising campaign, dollar-wise, during 2007.

"Terry has always been such a supporter of United Way here at Life Care Centers of America, and he does so because he knows the good work the organization does in our community," said LCCA President Beecher Hunter. "We are so proud for him to receive this award, and feel it is a much deserved honor."

He has also passed this commitment to helping others to his children, several of whom were present at Tuesday's banquet.

"Over the years, I have seen him go to meeting after meeting for United Way. He is very passionate about the campaign, which in return has made me very passionate about United Way," said step-daughter Jenni. Daughter Ashley said that she has always admired the devotion he has put in with everything he does, including working with United Way. "This is a very big award and my family and I couldn't be more excited that he was being recognized for the hard work and dedication he shows for United Way."

His son Nicholas added that "I am able to see, through the work of my father, how things like helping, volunteering and giving can add up through the years and make a big difference."

Henry's wife Danette lost her brave battle with cancer earlier this year. She was a great supporter of United Way as well, and Jenni said she would have been so pleased to see her husband receive this honor.

"She would always tell me and (step-daughter) Anna how passionate Terry was about the campaign and how hard he would work to make other people's lives better," she said. "She would have been so happy to know that Terry was getting this award."

"Terry has made a difference in our community through his work with United Way, and we are so pleased to honor him with this award," said Card. "He is a great example of someone who wants to help others, and that shows through everything that he does with United Way."

Previous recipients of the William F. Johnson Sr. Community Service Award, and the years they received the award, include: Bob Card and Keith Barrett, 2007; Ricky Sanders, 2006; Georgia Gann, 2005; Cathy Barrett, 2004; John Kimball, 2003; Ron Braam, 2002; Ray Beckler, 2001; Lee Stewart, 2000; Tom Wheeler, 1999; Carolyn Jackson, 1998; Don Lorton, 1997; Jim Breaux, 1996; Charlotte Thorogood, 1995; Nelson Wooldridge, 1994; Ralph Buckner Jr., 1993; Dr. Lewis Willis, 1992; Jim Nowack, 1991; Ken Rayborn, 1990; Steve Bivens and Sam McReynolds, 1989; Hoyle Rymer, 1988; Jim Williams, 1987; Lou Patten, 1986; Wayne Cooke, 1985; Joe Rodgers Jr., 1984; Jerry Ward, 1983; Harry L. Dethero and Dr. T.L. Lowery, 1982; Sam Colbert, 1981; Winston Varnell, 1980; Dr. Fenton Scruggs, 1979; and John Bryan Jr. and Mike Callaway, 1978, and Buck Thorogood, 1977.