



19th Annual Mary Good Humanitarian Award Presented to Heather Pool

The Fairfield County Family, Adult and Children First (FACF) Council is privileged to recognize the recipient of the 19th annual Mary Good Humanitarian Award – **Heather Pool**, teacher for Lancaster City Preschools. Heather was nominated by Brenda Zeiders and Sandra Herzog from Lancaster City Schools who were mentored by Mary Good early in their careers. The presentation was featured during United Way's Awards Recognition Event on April 1.

Heather's dedication to families and children was commended by parents, grandparents, co-workers, and the former Associate Professor for Early Childhood Education at Ohio University Lancaster.

As noted in the nomination: "Heather is not only a hard worker when it comes to planning special events for children in our community, but she is also a teacher who has a reputation that is impeccable. She is a champion for every child who walks through the preschool doors...No matter what the needs of the child may be, she works to make his or her preschool experience successful by skillfully developing a positive rapport with both the child and the family."

"She cares about every little one, and every feeling, and every little step," -- one comment from a parent.

A grandparent volunteered this perspective: "It is hard to describe the learning environment she created into words...Her calm and positive presence in the classroom leaves you with a sense of security and a knowing that you can try anything without judgement or criticism."

The Fairfield County FACF Council along with United Way created this award as a tribute to Mary Good for her exceptional service to the community on behalf of children and families. Mary was a teacher with the Lancaster City Schools, Christian educator at St. Bernadette Catholic Church, park leader with the United Way Summer Park program in Pleasantville, Peace School coordinator, social worker, and scout leader. This annual award has honored Mary's memory since 2003 by recognizing a special person who exemplifies her compassion and daily devotion to the cause of nurturing and protecting children and families.

Congratulations, Heather, on this well-deserved recognition!



Left, Brenda Zeiders; center, Heather Pool; right, Sandra Herzog.