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Pav YMCA Announces 2011 Teeter Award Recipient

Betty Holland will be honored at the Pav YMCA Foundation's Annual Teeter Award and Dinner Dance Celebration

[Berwyn, 3/25/11] – The Pav YMCA has announced Betty Holland as the recipient of the 33rd Annual Teeter Award for Outstanding Community Service. Betty will receive her award on Friday, May 6 at the Pav YMCA Foundation's Annual Teeter Award and Dinner Dance Celebration held at Crystal Sky Banquets, 7941 W. 47th St. in McCook, IL. Other awards to be presented that night include the Pav YMCA's Volunteer of the Year, Family of the Year, President's Award and Past President's Award.

Since 1977, the annual Teeter Award has been presented to an individual who exhibits a strong impact on the community through their work and personal investment. The award recipient is chosen by a vote of the Pav YMCA's Board of Directors for their commitment to improving the quality of life in the seven communities of the Pav YMCA's service area. These communities are Berwyn, Cicero, Stickney, Lyons, Forest View, Riverside and North Riverside.

This year Teeter Award recipient, Betty Holland, was nominated by Esther Corpuz. In her nomination, Esther had the following to say:

"Betty Holland's commitment to service is evident by her lifelong dedication to volunteerism, community and caring for the ill. Betty's association with MacNeal Hospital began the day she was born. Although she was born at home, several hours later, her mother experienced a complication and sent her sister to fetch Dr. MacNeal at the hospital when he was then in his home. He came right away and attended to her mother. Betty likes to tell people she met Dr. MacNeal... but she doesn't remember him. Betty joined MacNeal in 1946 as a payroll clerk. She rose through the ranks to become an office manager. In the late 1950's the hospital began offering scholarships for employees to attend nursing school. One day as Holland was delivering something to the emergency room, she helped the head nurse hold down a child who was having blood drawn. The nurse said, "Betty, you're a natural, you should have been a nurse." She told her that she had always wanted to be a nurse, but hadn't had the opportunity since she went to work right after high school. "Why not do it now?" asked the head nurse.

Inspired by that incident, she applied for a scholarship and was accepted to now closed St. Anne's School of Nursing in Chicago. At the time, a 34 year old nursing student was quite unusual, and she was something of a curiosity to her 18-year-old classmates. She is still close friends with many of them to this day. Betty is a role model and inspiration to young nursing students who she mentors during her volunteer work at MacNeal. While in nursing school, Betty continued to work. At age 61, she received her bachelor's degree in health and hospital management from Elmhurst College. Holland worked 28 years straight without taking a sick day. She retired on a Friday in 1990 and the following Monday she came in to volunteer. Her volunteer work includes assisting in GL lab, nursing administration, providing support to the community health department at health fairs and senior club. Those who know her always remark about how she cares for the ill, checking in on them and never forgetting her nursing roots. Betty will celebrate 20 years of service as a MacNeal volunteer and has clocked more than 5,000 volunteer hours. Betty's lifelong volunteer work doesn't stop at MacNeal, Betty has served as a volunteer and board member of the Pav YMCA since 1972. She is a member of the Christian emphasis committee, and active participant in the special events committee, volunteering for the Pav YMCA's annual gold outing, Christmas with Santa, Halloween Happenings and annual membership open house. She is an avid daily YMCA member, using the treadmill, weight room and pool. Betty Holland is a dedicated, tireless example of a true community servant.

I am privileged to be an admiring friend and colleague."

Along with the award presentations, the featured entertainment will be "Dancing with the Local Celebrities". This year's dancers are Esther Corpuz, VP of Government and Community Affairs for Vanguard Health Systems, Elizabeth "Lisa" Hernandez, Illinois State Representative, Zeke Montes, President of Tele-Guia Publications, and Theodore "Teddy" Polashek, 6th Ward Aldermen for Berwyn.

Tickets for the event are \$50 per person or \$500 per table. Tickets may be purchased at the Pav YMCA, located at 2947 S. Oak Park Ave. in Berwyn or by phone at 708.749.0606.

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