

FOUNDATION HONORS EIGHT VOLS FOR HAVING ‘HEARTS OF GOLD’

LAWRENCEBURG, Ind., November 15, 2009 – The Dearborn Community Foundation, Inc. (DCF) honored eight community volunteers as 2009 recipients of the “Heart of Gold Award.”

The Heart of Gold recipients were recognized for touching the hearts of others through their volunteerism and other acts of kindness. “These honorees deserve this recognition for making a difference in our community in their own unique ways,” said Fred McCarter, Executive Director of the Dearborn Community Foundation. “They are all role models for how all of us can make a difference in our community.”

During the Heart of Gold reception, each of the eight honorees, nominated by others in the community and then chosen as Heart of Gold recipients by a Foundation committee, received the coveted Heart of Gold medallion. The honorees also were given the privilege to serve on the “Heart of Gold Committee” to award \$2,500 in proactive grants to charitable organizations that serve Dearborn County residents.

In recent years, Heart of Gold recipients have been recognized for helping senior citizens or disadvantaged persons, working to improve the quality of education, expanding recreational or cultural opportunities, working with children, protecting the environment, promoting public safety and other acts of kindness.

Our Heart of Gold recipient: **Jo Sloan of Aurora:** She enhances the quality of life for everyone she meets,



says Sloan’s nominator Lisa Diane Snell. Sloan played a significant role in bringing the Habitat for Humanity chapter to Dearborn County. She is involved in the selection committee and oversees the “ladies night” fundraiser. She also assists home recipients in finding resources needed to help them qualify and to remain eligible for assistance. She has even donated a vehicle to a habitat recipient. As a member of St. Mary’s church, this honoree gives communion to shut-ins, provides bereavement meals for members in times of need, provides meals to members who are ill, and bakes for multiple events. She also has been an active participant in her husband’s

church, First Baptist Church of Aurora. This recipient is always ready to tackle the task at hand and make a positive change. She always does it with a smile and a warm heart. She genuinely cares about helping others. Whether it is tutoring students, helping out a sick friend, helping her family, raising money for a good cause, or putting her quick wit to work, she is always there ready to pitch in.

In honor of Jo’s award, The Dearborn Community foundation, Inc. awarded \$178.57 to First Baptist Church of Aurora from the Heart of Gold Grant Program for the sanctuary fund.

Congratulations Jo!!