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New Hope Services Honors Employees, Bill Davis, Gary Steedly, Jack Leuthart, and Charley Reisert

JEFFERSONVILLE, IN – On Friday, December 9th, New Hope Services, Inc. hosted their annual Employee Appreciation Dinner at Kye’s II.

Each year New Hope hosts the event as a way to honor and thank employees for their hard work and dedication to New Hope’s clients. This year New Hope also thanked long-time employee Bill Davis as well as former board members Gary Steedly, Jack Leuthart, and Charley Reisert.

New Hope Employees Elizabeth Adams, Cathy Donahoe, and Jan Edwards received the Service Award which honors an employee who has exhibited outstanding services to the organization, its clientele and staff.

Sheila Haffner received this year’s President’s Leadership Award which is awarded annually to a supervisor or manager who consistently demonstrates excellence in organizational and leadership skills.

The Board of Directors Award honors an individual who is determined to have displayed leadership, problem solving and organizational skills which have most greatly contributed to organizational success; employee morale, motivation, and productivity; and accomplishment of goals, objectives and general inherent responsibilities. This award went to Rosie Morehous.

For the first and only time New Hope Services awarded the New Hope Services’ Humanitarian Award. This one-time award was created to recognize someone who dedicated their life to the betterment of New Hope staff and clients. The New Hope Services’ Humanitarian Award was awarded to long-time employee Bill Davis for his service, friendship and lifelong commitment to New Hope Services and its clientele. Mr. Davis was a 24 year employee at New Hope and embodies everything it means to be a humanitarian.

Because of Mr. Davis’ impact on New Hope the New Hope Services’ Humanitarian Award’s name was changed to the William R. Davis Humanitarian Award.

The first recipients of the William R. Davis Humanitarian Award were long-time board members Jack Leuthart, Charley Reisert, and Gary Steedly. These three board members helped New Hope in countless ways and dedicated much of their time to volunteer as board members and friends. Each of these board members helped guide New Hope to be one of Southern Indiana's most successful and far-reaching non-profits. This past year New Hope served over 10,000 adults, families, and children with varying disabilities and needs.

Jack Leuthart was a Board of Director member at New Hope Services for 27 years, joining the organization in 1984.

Charley Reisert joined the Board of Directors in 1989 and served for 22 years.

The last William R. Davis Humanitarian Award of the evening was awarded to Gary Steedly who served on the Board of Directors for 25 years after joining in December of 1986.

New Hope Services' President and CEO, Jim Bosley, said "tonight's award winners represent everything we want New Hope to be about. We honored our employees for their dedication to providing quality services that are responsive to individual needs and we honored four men who worked every day to make this a successful organization. This past year Jack and Charley passed away but their impact on this organization, along with Bill and Gary's, will be felt for years to come."

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About New Hope Services:

In 1958, a local group of Clark County parents of children with special needs created an organization that is today called New Hope Services, Inc., based in Jeffersonville, Indiana.

For over 52 years, this not-for-profit corporation has evolved and expanded to touch the lives of more than 10,000 people annually. Satisfying the human services needs of people throughout Southern Indiana, New Hope's consumers include children, special-needs children, adults with mental retardation or disadvantages, families and senior adults.

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