

Medina Hospital honors 7

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MEDINA — Seven county leaders were recognized with a 2017 Community Service Award during Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital's Community Advisory Council recent meeting.

The recipients are:

■ Michael E. Carlson, CEO, Carlson's Funeral Homes;

■ Sharon Danko, court administrator, public health nurse and community volunteer;

■ Dianne DePasquale-Hagerty, CEO, Medina Creative Housing;

■ Sandy Frommeyer, Medina County Career Center adult educator;

■ Carole Kowell, director, Medina County District Library;

■ Stefanie Robinson, director, Robby's Recovery Center;

■ Pam Shank, WIC, Medina County Health Department.

"Part of our Community Advisory Council is to recognize individuals that are catalysts for positive change in Medina County," program coordinator Sarah Arend said in a statement. "We were excited to recognize seven different individuals that are connected in so many different areas."

Council members who nominated each recipient were asked to explain why they nominated the person, and all were commended for their leadership in their organization and various positions on organizational boards.

"A lot of these people very quietly do what they do and they are making it a better place where they are," Arend said. "We're a very fortunate community to have individuals that are engaged and immersed in a lot of important things in Medina County."

About the recipients

■ Carlson serves as president of the Medina Creative Housing



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Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital President Dr. Richard Shewbridge, back right, presents the 2017 Community Service awards to, from left, Carole Kowell, Dianne DePasquale-Hagerty, Michael E. Carlson, Sharon Danko, Pam Shank, Sandy Frommeyer and Stefanie Robinson.

Board of Directors; is a member of the board of the Children's Center of Medina County, Blue Coats of Medina County and Board of Visitors at Hiram College; and is a former superintendent of Highland Schools.

■ Danko has worked in Medina County government for 23 years, with a total of 37 years' experience; served as a public health nurse and health promotion coordinator at the Medina County Health Department; is court administrator of the Medina County Probate and Juvenile courts; and is active in Medina County SHARE Cluster, Medina County Coalition for Suicide Prevention and Leadership Medina County.

■ DePasquale-Hagerty has branched Medina Creative Housing to provide various services for individuals with disabilities and to the public.

"Her model is being looked at nationally," Arend said. "It's such a testimony of her passion and to provide these

opportunities is so important."

■ Frommeyer is involved in workforce development with Goodwill and the Medina County Career Center; helps with the Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce, Northern Medina County Chamber of Commerce and the Wadsworth Chamber of Commerce; and is involved with Leadership Medina County, United Way of Medina County and Women's Network.

"She's one of those people that when she gets involved in an organization she leaves it better than when she started," Arend said.

■ Kowell was named 2017 Volunteer of the Year by Main Street Medina and 2013 Women of Our Community Athena Award winner. She also is involved in Leadership Medina County and the Northern Medina County Chamber of Commerce.

■ Robinson was nominated by Medina Hospital President Dr. Richard Shewbridge for being the "hands and feet" of

Robby's Recovery Center. In its first five months of operation, the center has had 3,000 registered visits and supports more than 20 meetings/groups per week, peer support services and pro social activities.

"Stephanie is really putting together a model that includes so many different pieces to help people rebuild their lives and rebuild complete and balanced life," Arend said. "She's really been embraced by the community ... that's not always the case in the community when you hear about a recovery center. But Medina is very welcoming and has an organization and people that are willing to lock arms with the center and tackle this as a community."

■ Shank has been with the Medina County Health Department for 25 years and has helped more than 40,000 families during her tenure. She serves as an advocate for pregnant moms, infants and children by providing them with nutritional information.