



LifeSpan unveils 'golden' award

Winner receives highest honor for senior citizens

LifeSpan Resources, a non-profit serving elderly and disabled individuals in Clark, Floyd, Harrison and Scott counties announced that one of its volunteers, Jenny Kirkham, has been selected as a recipient of Indiana's Golden Hoosier Award, the highest honor bestowed upon a senior citizen by the State of Indiana. Lucy Koesters, LifeSpan's Chief Business Development Officer, nominated Kirkham, who has volunteered with the agency for over 10 years. The Golden Hoosier Award is a collaboration between the Office of Lt. Gov. Suzanne Crouch and the Indiana Family and Social Service Administration's Division of Aging, and is in partnership with AARP Indiana. It acknowledges seniors who serve other Hoosiers in an exemplary manner and dedicate their lives to bettering the communities where they live.

Koesters said Kirkham "certainly fits that bill."

"Jenny is a phenomenal volunteer for LifeSpan. She has served as the volunteer site manager for the Palmyra Senior Center and LifeSpan's Congregate Hot Lunch Program at the center for more than 10 years. Jenny is a true leader and has recruited and trained many other volunteers to help at the center as well. She is very dedicated to those she serves, and to her community."

Kirkham also plans and coordinates many activities for the annual Palmyra "Pal Wow" community festival and serves on the Palmyra Solid Waste Board and on the Advisory Council of Harrison Springs Health Campus.

Koesters said that Jenny's commitment and service to the senior center, to the LifeSpan meals program, and to the residents of Palmyra were instrumental to her winning the award. Koesters and Kirkham will be recognized at an awards reception on June 24 at the Glick History Center in Indianapolis.

