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SEVERAL HONORED AT OPEN ARMS ANNUAL MEETING

FINDLAY, Ohio (10/21/2009) – Several local volunteers were honored at the Open Arms Annual Meeting on October 20 at First Presbyterian Church. Award recipients included Dave and Erik Glass, The James H. Brannigan Unsung Hero Award; Denice Ziebold, Tom Croasmun Memorial Volunteer of the Year Award; Mark Plesec, Board Member of the Year; Larry Dunfee, Special Achievement Award; and Carol Dale Joseph, Lifetime Achievement Award. Beth Meeks, Open Arms Executive Director, was also presented with a Lifetime Achievement Award for twenty years of service with the agency.

Carol Dale Joseph was recognized for six years of service as her board term expired. One new Board Member, Brian Haehl, was welcomed to the Board of Directors.

As part of the Annual Meeting, Open Arms also presented an unveiling of the NW Ohio Silent Witness Project for the first time in Findlay, Ohio. In memory of local victims, this event gave voices to fifteen women from this area who lost their lives at the hands of someone they loved. For more information about Silent Witness Project or Open Arms, call 419-420-9261 or visit us online at www.openarmsfindlay.org.

Open Arms Domestic Violence & Rape Crisis services is a nonprofit agency supported in part by the Hancock County United Way. Open Arms provides six program services to those living and working in the greater Hancock County community. The six programs include Rape Crisis Services, Child Advocacy, Violence Recovery Project, Outreach Services, the Harmony House Visitation & Exchange program, and Emergency Shelter Services. The 24-hour Crisis Hotline is 419-422-4766. Join us at our blog at openarmsfindlay.blogspot.com for updates on our everyday life here at Open Arms.