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2020 Good Neighbor Award

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Your Nominees



Maria Kopicki

Greater Metropolitan Association
EVOLVEK12

I founded this NONPROFIT because my mantra in education was #ITSALLBOUTTHELOVE and I wanted to keep that up when I retired from my 30-year career as a teacher. My goal in forming EVOLVEK12 is to provide every K-12 student and teacher with equal access to resources and opportunities that support and promote academic achievement. This is a commission donation program, providing financial support to schools nationwide in an effort to eradicate the loss of programs and excellent teachers as well as close the achievement gap by closing the funding gap. I personally do NOT want any student to miss out on opportunities (like I did) because they don't have money, nor do I want any teacher to have their passion crushed due to lack of funding. <https://evolvek12.org/>



Jane E. Lowell

Greater Metropolitan Association

Habitat for Humanity Oakland-Women Build

Everyone deserves a home and a hand up at times. I have been very fortunate in my career and I love to give back to the community.



Pamela Mackinder

Jackson Area Association
Cascade Humane Society

I was born and raised in Jackson. I love this community and the people. I have always believed that it is better to give than receive. I have volunteered with several different organizations for the majority of my adult life. The joy that I receive from just knowing I have made even a little difference keeps me going.



Susan R. Schram

Livingston County Association
CEPC

I volunteer because seeing the number of trafficked women breaks my heart and I want to help stop the cycle. This organization reaches out with encouragement, food and hygiene items in the hopes of them being brave enough to leave the situation that they are in.



Kati Ross

West Central Association
Angels of Action

I want to live, work and play in a Community that I not only love to be in, but can strive to make it a better place for everyone in it.



Lisa Hoeve

West Michigan Lakeshore Association
Hope Pkgs Inc

As a foster family, we have seen the needs of children when they enter care and come to our home. This hands-on experience has opened our eyes to the foster community and the various needs of the close to 14,000 kids in Michigan foster care.



Anthony Lambers

West Michigan Lakeshore Association

The Pullen/Lambers Memorial Scholarship

I grew up a life in the streets as a troubled teenager. Bouts of homelessness, drug addiction and depression. I dropped out of school my junior year. I had a mentor named Rich Pullen who stuck close to me through all my troubles. When I was 19, I was sentenced to 5-15 years in the prison system. Rich stayed with me throughout the whole ordeal. He would visit me and make sure that I was getting attention. I was released after doing more than 5 years. Rich stepped in again and helped me find my footing in society. In 2015, Rich died from cancer. I needed a way to honor him. I set out to start a Scholarship. I wanted Rich's legacy of giving to the youth to go on FOREVER, so I set out on the mission of raising the \$50,000 it would take to start this endowment. I did this by donating 10% of all my real estate sales to a foundation I started called, The Richard Pullen Foundation. Finally, I got the 50k and set up the endowment named The Pullen/Lambers Memorial Scholarship. The reason for this mission is to assure that the youth are not thrown away because of their past. Rich assured that I would rebound in life by mentoring me. The legacy continues!