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## 2023 HEARTS OF GOLD HONOREES:

**Mentor Heart of Gold:**

*Kent Borghoff*

**Best Neighbor Heart of Gold:**

*Mike & Sheri Haas*

**Educator Heart of Gold:**

*Chris Barnum*

**Young at Heart Heart of Gold:**

*Paul Kochendorfer*

**Heroic Heart of Gold:**

*Tony and Doreen Jannotta*

**Young Champion Heart of Gold:**

*Evan Watanuki*

**Volunteer Heart of Gold:**

*Frank Lesniak*

**Community Spirit Heart of Gold:**

*Theresa Schultz*

**Business Leader Heart of Gold:**

*Becky Reel "For Papa's Sake  
Home Care"*

**Kenneth M. Bonder Heart of Gold:**

*Michelle Derochowski*

**Pam Stocking Heart of Gold:**

*Kari Resch*

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## TODAY'S PROGRAM

**12:00 PM** - Cash Bar

**12:30 PM** - Opening Remarks – Laurie Mitchell

**WELCOME ADDRESS** - Tom Hayes, Mayor, Village of Arlington Heights

**INVOCATION** - Father Ed Pelrine - Pastor,  
St. James Catholic Church in Arlington Heights

### LUNCH

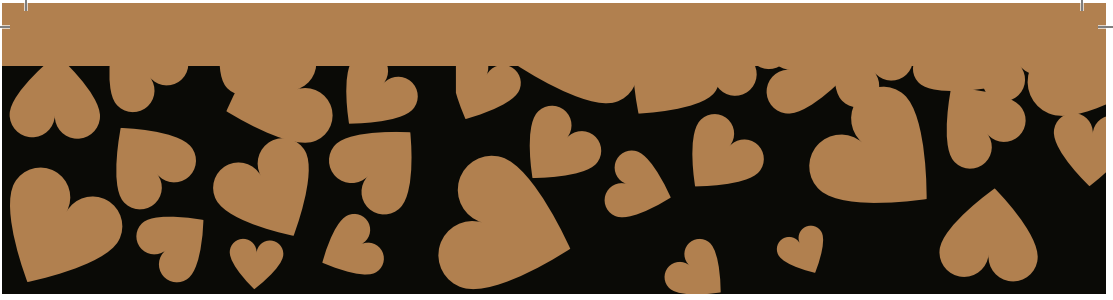
**AWARDS PRESENTATION** – Special Events Commissioners

### SPECIAL EVENTS SPONSORS

- Bartlett Tree Experts
- Busey Bank
- Capital Point Financial Group, David Hogaboom/Brendan Krahl
- Drost, Kivlahan, McMahon & O'Connor
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- Wells Fargo Advisors, Barrington

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## 2023 HEARTS OF GOLD RECIPIENTS

They are citizens who, often without public notice, contribute their time and talent to better the world around them. Their names may not be well-known, but their hearts are. The Hearts of Gold awards are not based on what these individuals did during any particular period of time - because, for most, their contributions are a lifestyle. Hearts of Gold recipients exemplify unselfish and extraordinary personal participation in community organizations and programs that continue to make Arlington Heights the "City of Good Neighbors."

**MENTOR HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes an individual or organization who inspires others to excel, serves as a role model and provides leadership and mentoring that helps improve behavior, performance, and/or employment skills.

**BEST NEIGHBOR HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes a resident of Arlington Heights who consistently goes out of his or her way to make a significant impact on the life of a neighbor.

**EDUCATOR HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes an educator who goes beyond expectations to teach others. The recipient must live in, work in or teach those who reside in Arlington Heights.

**YOUNG AT HEART HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes a Senior in Arlington Heights who continues to actively and enthusiastically contribute to our community.



**HEROIC HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes a person whose actions changed the trajectory of another person's life.

**YOUNG CHAMPION HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes a middle school or high school student who goes beyond what is expected to have a positive effect on our community.

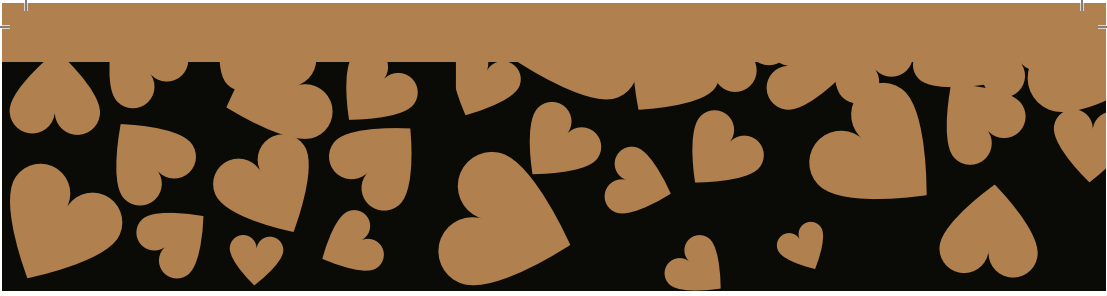
**VOLUNTEER HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes an individual with a true volunteer spirit who contributes his or her time to one or more charitable or civic organizations in our village.

**COMMUNITY SPIRIT HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes an individual or group who sets a high standard for service, encourages a sustained commitment to civic participation, and inspires others with their community spirit.

**BUSINESS LEADER HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes a business or organization that makes our village a better place to work and live through participation and/or philanthropic support of community organizations and programs.

**KENNETH M BONDER BEAUTIFICATION HEART OF GOLD** - named for a former village manager, recognizes an individual or group that has created a sustained visual enhancement to the village.

**PAM STOCKING COMMUNITY SERVICE HEART OF GOLD** - recognizes an individual whose passion and spirit has impacted the village in a unique and special way.



## MENTOR HEART OF GOLD

### KENT BORGHOFF

Kent Borghoff, the winner of the Hearts of Gold Mentor Award, is a social science teacher at Hersey High School who excels at teaching advanced placement level US History, World History, and European History. His students benefit from his genuine passion and love for teaching history, as well as his master storyteller skills. “Borgie’s” well-crafted lessons are both entertaining and intellectually stimulating and provide a path for students to become critical thinkers, as well as to achieve some of the highest AP scores in the district and the state.



Kent connects with the students in the classroom, and you can also find him coaching scholastic bowl, sponsoring student council for the past 20 years, grilling at the football games, mentoring the golf team on etiquette and rules of the game, and coordinating homecoming events, not to forget the number of college recommendation letters Kent writes to help his students get admitted to their dream schools. These letters are extremely time consuming and require a genuine, insightful understanding of each student, demonstrating how deeply he cares for his students and wants them to succeed in school and in life! Kent truly believes in his students, helps them to believe more deeply in themselves, and exemplifies what a great mentor looks like.



## **BEST NEIGHBOR HEART OF GOLD**

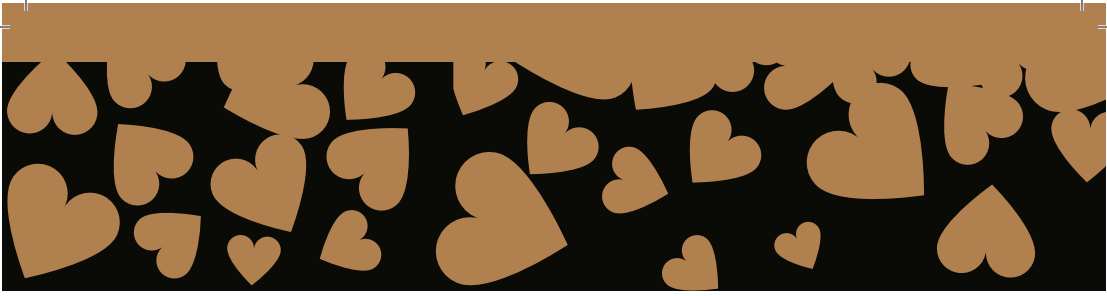
### **MIKE & SHERI HAAS**

The Best Neighbor Heart of Gold Award recognizes a resident of Arlington Heights who consistently goes out of his or her way to be a good neighbor. This year's Best Neighbor Heart of Gold actually goes to two residents – Mike and Sheri Haas – who, according to the many neighbors who nominated them, are shining examples of how going that extra mile for a neighbor in need has truly created a “family” of neighbors.



When I met Mike and Sheri they were humbled by the recognition and claimed they do not do anything extraordinary. They said they simply live in a wonderful neighborhood where people look out for and help each other. When they settled in Arlington Heights almost 14 years ago, there were many examples of neighbors who lent them a hand and made them immediately feel part of the community.

Fortunately, Arlington Heights is full of “good” neighbors who are more than happy to pick up the mail or take out the garbage cans while you’re on vacation. We even have an abundance of “better” neighbors who chip in to help with tasks that require a bit more time, such as picking up kids from school or pitching in with childcare when it is not available. Then what would you call the neighbors who hosted your family for a holiday gathering because you could not travel to your relatives? Or spent eight hours on a very hot day in the summer in your attic trying to make a repair? Or taught your Au Pair the finer points of driving so that the Au Pair could do the job for which she was hired? According to Mike and Sheri Haas’s neighbors, that is the definition of a “best” neighbor – and they all agree Mike and Sheri Haas have earned this title in their neighborhood for the genuine care and selfless giving of their time that has created a “family” of great neighbors.



## EDUCATOR HEART OF GOLD

### CHRIS BARNUM

Chris Barnum exemplifies Hearts of Gold with his commitment and dedication to enriching the education and experience of his students. As Director of Bands at Prospect High School for 17 years, he has gone above and beyond to deliver education, opportunity, and the gift of music to the community. Mr. Barnum is a leader within District 214 and, as Prospect High School's "Music Man," he is respected by students and colleagues alike. His passion and excitement for music has been shared with thousands of students over the years and shines through in group achievement in events such as the Macy's Thanksgiving Parade and through each individual student's success. The Director of Bands has a unique position to work with students throughout their four years at PHS, truly getting to know his students and affecting their growth in both music and experience. Teaching during the pandemic specifically gave Mr. Barnum an opportunity to enrich and enlighten through music during a time when the arts brought joy to students and families in quarantine.



Pursuit of excellence, pride in performance, and building connections are the top focus in all that Chris Barnum pursues. The students are Mr. Barnum's greatest inspiration from helping with an individual piece or working with an accomplished musician, to teaching kids leadership as musicians and with other students. Through hard work and challenges, from working together during the football season, to competitions, and invitations to travel and perform, PHS band students build connections together. These learning experiences truly pursue excellence and Mr. Barnum's students will carry the lessons and musicianship with them throughout their futures, whether in music or other achievements. Chris Barnum has a true Heart of Gold for his students!



## YOUNG AT HEART HEART OF GOLD

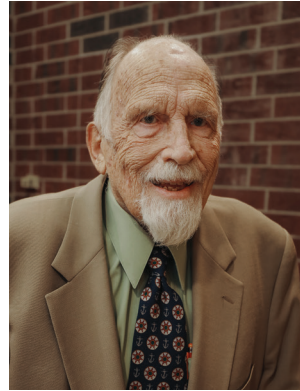
### PAUL KOCHENDORFER

The Young at Heart Award recognizes a senior in Arlington Heights who continues to actively and enthusiastically contribute to our community. The award this year is presented to Paul Kochendorfer, a well-deserving recipient who has devoted thousands of hours to making our community a better place. As a Master Gardener, trained through the University of Illinois' program, Paul has volunteered over 6,000 hours throughout the past 30 years, sharing his knowledge of horticulture with others. He teaches seminars on topics ranging from plant identification to issues that affect our environment. He has been honored at the county and state levels as Master Gardener of the Year and was inducted into the Lake County Hall of Fame for his efforts.

Paul also serves our library and senior center. Devoting 4,300 hours over 24 years, he has coached thousands of seniors in improving their technology skills. He not only played a critical role in creating and improving classes offered at the senior center but also developed an app to help manage their classes. The same skills were helpful to our library where Paul developed an app to help the staff schedule and coordinate book discussions.

In his free time, Paul serves as secretary and treasurer of Luther Village where he is often called upon to help residents with technology issues free of charge. He has taught numerous classes on how to use the resident app and coordinates computer interest groups for the seniors there.

Paul served as a volunteer treasurer for Buffalo Grove for 15 years, for the Village of Kildeer for 15 years, for his church for 25 years, and for the Lake County Republican Party for four years. Paul Kochendorfer has truly made the Village of Arlington Heights a better place for all of us!





## HEROIC HEART OF GOLD

### TONY AND DOREEN JANNOTTA

Throughout their 57 years of marriage, Tony and Doreen have made it their ministry to serve others. Despite the challenges of living in seven different states while working and raising two children, they have always embraced opportunities for community outreach.



Though many others choose to look away, Tony and Doreen have recognized the homelessness that exists for individuals and families here in Arlington Heights, and have made it their mission to address the needs of those facing this difficult challenge. They don't shy away from the realities associated with homelessness; instead, they roll up their sleeves to deliver hot, home cooked meals late in the evening, visit local gathering places for unsheltered individuals, provide monthly rides to St. Edna's, and provide clothing, warm blankets, and toiletries where needed. Beyond providing for the basic needs of our local homeless, Tony and Doreen provide dignity. They know the residents' names, allow them to "shop" for items out of the back of their van, and accept these individuals regardless of their circumstances.

Tony praises his wife for her lifelong commitment to service and acknowledges that her organization and outreach efforts are the backbone of their ministry. Tony, as described by his wife, is the listener, and the one developing and fostering these relationships. Despite the harsh realities of this type of service, they are continually awed by the compassion within the homeless community and with the latent generosity and love from others in Arlington Heights who support their ministry. This humble and generous couple both agree they are fortunate to be doing what they truly love. And for that, they are heroes.



## YOUNG CHAMPION HEART OF GOLD

### EVAN WATANUKI

Evan Watanuki is a baseball player, but to describe him as just a player is quite an understatement. Evan is the catcher on his team. The catcher is the all-seeing play caller and on the field coach. A good catcher is smart; Evan is a straight-A student, challenging himself with high school level courses as an eighth grader at Thomas Middle School.



A good catcher knows how to motivate and unite his teammates to make the best play, considering each of his teammates' strengths and weaknesses, without diminishing their team contributions. Evan's ability to unite and guide his teammates carries over to his desire to include classmates in the Partners in Athletics Club and Adaptive Physical Education classes at school. Evan understands that inclusion means everyone wins, both on and off the field. When your team wins, it's fun, when all your classmates are included, regardless of their limitations, everyone wins and experiences the joy of competition and friendship. Inclusion becomes contagious and raises participants' sense of worth.

Evan's selflessness, kindness, and insight or "play calling" fosters connections and elevates others and, in his words, is just part of being a good kid. His four nominating teachers and coaches call his humble actions something else...leadership...symbolizing what we all hope to emulate and achieve in our own personal interactions. The Arlington Heights Special Events Commission is honored to recognize Evan Watanuki as our 2023 Heart of Gold Young Champion and anxiously await his accomplishments in the years ahead.

## VOLUNTEER HEART OF GOLD

### FRANK LESNIAK

When thinking of a deserving Volunteer Hearts of Gold Award Winner- Frank Lesniak naturally comes to mind. Frank can be found everywhere around town, enthusiastically planning a Park District Golf Fundraiser or at a major Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce Event (large or small).



Frank moved to Arlington Heights 46 years ago, where he and his wife Joanne raised 3 sons. Frank and his family own Air-Flo HVAC in Arlington Heights. He explains that the reason he is passionate for volunteering is that he loves being around people, making friends, & he receives so much pride giving back to the community that has been so supportive for making his business successful.

Frank has an impressive & extensive background in Leadership and Volunteering positions that have significantly impacted the community in Arlington Heights. This includes serving as a member of the St. Joseph Club of Italian Americans for over 15 years (1 year as President), Volunteering coaching his 3 sons' baseball and soccer teams, long time volunteer for the Mane/Taste of Arlington, 6 year Board member of the Arlington Heights Chamber of Commerce, forming a new Business Builders Group and growing the group from 4 members to 17 in one year.

Frank joined the Arlington Heights Park District Foundation Board about 6 years ago. After 2 months, he accepted the Chair position for the annual Golf Fund Raiser. During that time he and his team raised over \$116,000.00 to help support the Park District.

Frank brings passion, enthusiasm, & abundance of humor to everything he is involved with. His charm & charisma allows people to easily follow his lead to make his projects successful.



## COMMUNITY SPIRIT HEART OF GOLD

### THERESA SCHULTZ

Theresa Schultz resides in Arlington Heights with her husband and two daughters, Sydney (12), Lucy (9) and Goldendoodle Patches. She is a community organizer and nonprofit fundraiser who has been a pillar of the Arlington Heights community for over 10 years.

An active board member of the Arlington Heights Parks Foundation ([ahparkfoundation.org](http://ahparkfoundation.org)), Theresa has been actively involved with a town-wide effort to fundraise for an inclusive playground in Arlington Heights that would provide equipment for the disabled community. In this capacity, she is also a proven leader on ensuring community improvements and elevating local parks' programming such as Trunk or Treat, Movie in the Park, National Night Out and an annual Golf Outing to engage family connections throughout the community.

As a founding board member and Secretary of Chicagoland's Hearts for Hope nonprofit organization ([hearts-for-hope.com](http://hearts-for-hope.com)), Theresa volunteers her time securing donations of food, clothes, and supplies, putting together care bags, and transporting them directly to the homeless community, while also working with the board to grow and expand the organization. Over 6,500 bags have been packed and delivered since the charity was founded in 2019.

The nonprofit work she might be most recognized for is her community-based efforts that support the youth of Arlington Heights. In her leading role as the Arlington Heights community coordinator for the nationwide youth running program, Healthy Kids Running Series, Theresa has spent the past 6 years bringing local small business sponsors, high school volunteers and more than 1,000 youth and families in the Northwest Suburbs together at the park district for "race days", instilling the values of healthy living in our youngest members of society.

In Spring 2024, Theresa will unite her years of experience in youth and community development with the launch of her new business, Cardio Kidz ([cardiokidz.org](http://cardiokidz.org)). Theresa founded Cardio Kidz as a nonprofit organization that will work with youth to have positive engagement with others, self-confidence, good sportsmanship, and a charitable approach to living through participation in local sporting events and athletic activities. Through this new endeavor, Theresa will bring her "heart of gold" to the community to inspire and engage others to give back.



## **BUSINESS LEADER OF THE YEAR HEART OF GOLD**

### **BECKY REEL - FOR PAPA'S SAKE HOME CARE**

For Papa's Sake Home Care was named the #1 home care agency in North America for 2022 by Home Care Pulse. This success can only happen if the organization has a clear focus on its mission and passionate leadership to accomplish it. Becky Reel's parents, Ellen and Robert Simon, started the business in 2011 and Becky became Executive Director eight years ago. Together they built a business that helps connect families with a caregiver to help those wanting to live at home. This can be a 24/7 responsibility.



Becky said, "My life is bigger than me and I need to serve."

Becky and her husband Chris moved to Arlington Heights three years ago to be closer to the business and found the community to be so supportive that she felt compelled to give back. During the early days of the pandemic, Becky partnered with local organizations to help drive business to them. These initiatives included holiday dinners from Scratchboard for the families of seven first responders, matching cupcake purchases for Sweet T's, family portraits for "Grandparents Day" from Something Blue Photography, and an educational speaker series at CoCo & Blu, to name a few. For Papa's Sake provides funds to aid these endeavors with a focus on helping the other organization. Becky also recently became a Board Member for a local non-profit, Family Forward, which provides support to local families trying to achieve financial stability. Becky held a gift card drive which raised \$13,500 for Family Forward, and For Papa's Sake matched this amount for a total of \$27,000.

Chris Reel commented, "They (Becky and the staff) undertake all of these efforts out of a sense of civic duty and responsibility and the desire to create a sense of community and support." Perfectly stated for the recipient of the Business Leader Heart of Gold.



## **BEAUTIFICATION HEART OF GOLD**

### **MICHELLE DEROCHOWSKI**

Beauty takes on many forms and can be found in many places throughout Arlington Heights thanks to community members like Michelle Derochowski. She has been helping beautify our village since 2008 when she moved here with her husband to raise their two children.



Michelle has served as Chair of the Environmental Awareness Committee, as well as the Co-Chair of the Garden Committee for the PTA at Ivy Hill Elementary School. In these roles she worked closely with Ivy Hill staff to create environmental awareness through activities such as shoes and plastic bag collection, walk to school day, and the beloved Ivy Hill Garden Day.

During the pandemic, she found ways for students and staff to participate in taking care of our planet. Students in all grades were able to participate in Garden Day where they planted different vegetables outside the school. With the help of the Ivy Hill PTA, she is committed to the long-term success of this project. She waters and takes care of the plants throughout the summer and in fall the vegetables are harvested for Ivy Hill's very own Farmer's Market. She also planted beautiful sunflowers by the planters outside of the school for students and neighbors to enjoy.

As residents of this fine community, we're grateful that Arlington Heights has someone like Michelle who cares so much about the environment and making our village such a beautiful place to live.

## PAM STOCKING HEART OF GOLD

### KARI RESCH

Kari Resch is known to teachers and staff of St. James School in Arlington Heights as a champion of her students, a sharing teammate to fellow teachers and a shining example to the community. Kari's ambition to go above and beyond for her students has been an inspiration to many. Her "can-do" spirit and innovative attitude has even earned her the nickname of "Mary Poppins of St. James."



When a new teacher arrives at St. James School, Kari often serves as a mentor to them as they navigate their new job. Kari's passion for helping others often leads her to students who are experiencing difficult times in their lives, and she provides a nurturing presence in moments when it is needed the most. As a kindergarten teacher, Kari has tutored many students at low or no cost over the years, helping them to gain confidence in themselves through academics. During COVID-19, which impacted all students but posed additional challenges to Special Education students, Kari rose to the challenge by doing what she could to ensure that her students would continue to pursue learning at their highest level. When Kari became the teacher to a student who spoke by using sign language, she began using sign language in her classroom to help foster inclusivity and compassion in her students. Kari's empathy is also apparent in her home, where she is a supportive wife to her husband, Sam, and a loving mother to their daughter Kiana.

It is for these reasons that Kari Resch is being presented with the Pam Stocking Community Service Heart of Gold, which seeks to recognize an individual whose passion and spirit has impacted the Village in a unique and special way.



## PAST HEARTS OF GOLD RECIPIENTS

### **Mentor Heart of Gold**

Bill McGovern, 2000  
Cyndi Olhava Gagliano, 2001  
Joe Foreman, 2002  
Dori Bonder, 2003  
Nancy Dorsey, 2004  
Reta Wilcox, 2005  
Bob Viti, 2006  
Bob Frisk, 2007  
Gary Rukin, 2008  
Kathie Hahn, 2009  
Mark Gunther, 2010  
Andy Anderson, 2011  
Linda McDonald, 2012  
Fr. William Zavaski, 2013  
Jim Sanecki, 2014  
Fr. Arnold Perham, 2015  
Paul Bergman, 2016  
Joann Langley, 2017  
Matthew Hahn, 2018  
Beth Drost, 2019  
Jordan Friedman, 2020  
Stephan Polus, 2021  
Jeff Javurek, 2022

### **Best Neighbor Heart of Gold**

Liz Sroka, 1999  
Charles Hubbell, 2000  
J.T. Thornton, 2001  
Mary Alice and Homer Smith, 2002  
John Hughes, 2004  
Marsha Forbes, 2005  
Chickie Kyska, 2006  
Brian King, 2008  
Dee and George Bigham, 2009  
Mike and Marybeth Schoenwald, 2010  
Diana and Larry Koss, 2011  
Raymond and Dolores Shields, 2012  
Don Green, 2013  
Lois Anderson, 2014  
Fran Rozanski, 2015  
Greg & Sue Lynk, 2016  
Ann Udell, 2017  
Chris Guth, 2018  
Dawn Dalton, 2019  
Paul Bowen, 2020  
Cathy and Mario Corona, 2021  
Jody Schaaf, 2022

### **Educator Heart of Gold**

Will "Koz" Kozlowski, 1999  
Mary Jo (Jody) Rowley, 2000  
Sheila Petterson, 2001  
Wayne Wagner, 2002  
Robert Hannon, 2003  
Cathy Sauer McQuillan, 2004  
Mary Luckritz, 2005  
Katie Kaufman, 2006  
Lesla Meyer and Scott Sauer, 2007  
Regina Kross and Diane Kaffka, 2008  
Nancy Abruscato, Christie Brennan and  
Melba Gustafson, 2009  
Cathie Windheim Schwarz, 2010  
Genie Beck, 2011  
Kate Costello, Tony Calzaretta and Mary  
Woods, 2012  
Linda Scolaro, 2013  
Donna O'Hearn, 2014  
Greg Lendy, 2015  
Jackie Ballarini, 2016  
John Meyers, Jr., 2017  
John Novak, 2018  
James Voyles, 2019  
Nicki Koch, 2020  
Deborah Scerbicke, 2021  
Mike Bilski, 2022

### **"Young at Heart" Heart of Gold**

Evelyn Stagebert, 1999  
Helen Horath, 2000  
Paul Peale, 2001  
Ken Hood, 2002  
Jack McComb, 2003  
George Weber, 2004  
Jean Brauweiler, 2005  
Vincent and Lucille Cunningham, 2006  
Fr. Thomas P. McCarthy, 2007  
Ed Landow, 2008  
Betsy Sherwin Ward, 2009  
Marilyn Breiding, 2010  
Javier Elias, 2011  
Ed Hardy, 2012  
Carl Laub, 2013  
Joe Ruane, 2014  
Nadine Macfadden, 2015  
Peggy Vaughan, Rita Moody, 2016  
Kathy Kasprovicz, 2017

Joan Drolet, 2018  
Jack Muldoon, 2019  
Judith Wampach Amberg, 2020  
Jeanette Domek, 2021  
Ann Mura, 2022

### **Heroic Heart of Gold**

Matt Nagy, 2002  
Mary Beth Beiersdorf, 2004  
Wally Luettschwager, 2005  
James McGrath, 2006  
Suzanne Voss, 2007  
Parameswari Gopalan, 2009  
William (Bill) Reinhard, 2010  
Mary Reddin, 2012  
Rick Abbott, 2013  
Patrick and Donna Fanning, 2014  
Arlington Heights Public Safety Team, 2015  
Live4Lali, 2016  
Dawn and Tom Hedrick, 2017  
Robert Extrom, 2018  
Alex and Tom DeTogne, 2019  
Scott Belanger and Mike Graves, 2020  
Kyla Davis, 2021  
Frank Rojas, 2022

### **Young Champion**

Matthew Swanson, 1999  
Kathryn Coughlin, 2000  
Rob Komosa, 2001  
Carl Philips, 2002  
Eric Kristiansen, 2003  
Dan Hora, 2004  
Sherry Reiss, 2005  
Abigail Ann Horan, 2006  
Paul Madden, 2007  
Amanda Geib, 2008  
Erin Kaiser, 2009  
Kaileen McGourty, 2010  
Annalisa Baratta, 2011  
Kevin Schreiber, 2012  
Emma Hogaboom, 2013  
Caitlin Nagle, 2014  
Emily Davidson, 2015  
Danielle Allaire, 2016  
Hannah Mulroe, 2017  
Elizabeth Ferrazza, 2018  
Katariena Leazer, 2019  
Erin Johlle, 2020  
Max Ward, 2021  
Emma Ziebka, 2022

### **Volunteer Heart of Gold**

Karma Johnson, 1999  
Mary Stitt, 2000  
Jack Schimpf, 2001  
Helen Dawley, 2002  
Frank and Delores DeRosa, 2003  
Al and Jeanie Gain, 2004  
Jack Hanahan, 2005  
Betty Snodgrass, 2006  
Cathy Rateike, 2007  
Alan Eberhardt, 2008  
Jerry Klopp, 2009  
Nancy and Pat Moroney, 2010  
Pat Peery, 2011  
Craig Carlson, 2012  
Ron and Diane Crawford, 2013  
Debbie Smart, 2014  
Janice Krinsky, 2015  
Carol Golemo, 2016  
Carol Frieberg, 2017  
Mary McArthur, 2018  
Dave Flanagan, 2019  
Jim Perkins, 2020  
Stephanie Keller, 2021  
Betsy Kmiecik, 2022

### **Community Spirit Heart of Gold**

Robert Murphy, 1999  
Dottie Hardy, 2000  
Marilyn Hermann, 2001  
Rosemary Schumacher, 2002  
Jack Whisler, 2003  
Ed Geiss, 2004  
Monica McCarthy and Lisa White, 2005  
The Arlington Heights Nurses Club, 2006  
The Buddy Foundation, 2007  
Ted Balcom, 2008  
Jim Bertucci, 2009  
Escorted Transportation Service/NW, 2010  
Frank Appleby, Peoples' Bank, 2011  
Greg Padovani, 2012  
Lauree Harp, 2013  
Sam Moser and Laurie Taylor, 2014  
Wayne Arden, 2015  
Stephen Daday, 2016  
Steve Von Boeckman, 2017  
Billy Anderson, 2018  
Neil Scheufler, 2019  
Pat Sturgeon, 2020  
Yeulanda Degala, 2021  
Laura Monahan, 2022

## **Business Leadership Heart of Gold**

Omnibus Advertising, 2000  
Grand Frame, Inc., 2001  
Flaherty Jewelers, 2002  
Kris Stabler, Arlington Park, 2003  
Sue & Paul Duchek, Picket Fence Realty, 2004  
John Scaletta, Arlington Theatres, 2006  
Mike Silverman, 2007  
Charles Adler, 2008  
Derek Hanley, Peggy Kinnane's, 2009  
Amy Philpott, Tuscan Market, 2010  
Mark Rouse, Runners High 'n Tri, 2011  
Drost, Kivlahan, McMahon & O'Connor, LLC, 2012  
Elite Athletic Development/Crossfit, 2013  
Dr. Joe Favia, 2014  
Bentley's Corner Barkery, 2015  
Glueckert Funeral Home, 2016  
Westgate Dental (Dr. Kics), 2017  
Napleton's Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep & Ram, 2018  
Dianna Ehrenfried, 2019  
Metropolis Performing Arts Center, 2020  
A La Mode Jamie Bellizzi, 2021  
Liz Schrenk, 2022

## **Kenneth M. Bonder Beautification Heart of Gold**

Joseph Burlini, 1999  
Adam Sworden, 2000  
Arlington Heights Garden Club, 2003  
Friends of Arlington Heights Memorial  
Library, 2004  
Fena D'Ottavio, 2008  
Steven Patzke, 2009  
Christopher Gluth, 2010  
Javier's Sabor Mexicano & Agave Bar, 2011  
Jack Musich, 2012

Tracy Marchetti, 2014  
William Kruser, 2016  
Lynnea Semasko, 2017  
Kathy Wolan, 2018  
Scout Troop 37, 2019  
Danzella Graham, 2020  
Arlington Rec Ridge Center, 2021  
Gloria Amling, 2022

## **Pam Stocking Heart of Gold**

Pam Stocking, 1999  
Katherine Scortino, 2000  
Al Smith, 2001  
Roxanne Calibraro, 2002  
Mary Cay Chisholm, 2003  
Kevin Kendrigan, 2004  
James Pesoli, 2005  
Lionel and Lucette LeBeau, 2006  
Scott Burgess, 2007  
Nicholas Pomeroy, 2008  
Sue Ellen Burlini, 2009  
Craig Ameel, 2010  
Laura Merchut-Wesslund, 2011  
Russel Talbot, 2012  
Helen Jensen, 2013  
Paula Ulreich, 2014  
Marilyn Neuman, 2015  
Melinda Camardella, 2016  
Cordelia Skuldt, 2017  
Deb Whisler, 2018  
Laurel and Allen Katz, 2019  
Chris Weber and Elaine Sianis, Arlington  
Pediatrics, 2020  
Mary Beth Delaney, 2021  
Carol Gabrielsen, 2022

## **SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION**

**Chairman:** Laurie Mitchell

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