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Cancer Services Accepting Nominations for Champion of Hope Award

In 2010, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana unveiled the William A. Kunkel III Champion of Hope award, which was created to recognize an individual, family or business that embodies the mission of Cancer Services through a lifelong commitment to enhancing the quality of life of those affected by cancer in Northeast Indiana. The recipient of the Champion of Hope Award demonstrates an unparalleled devotion to the organization as a volunteer, advocate, friend and companion, leading by example and exhibiting unwavering compassion.

“Our clients often tell us having caring companionship and practical help means so much on a difficult cancer journey,” says Tom Horton, co-chair of the Champions of Hope Selection committee. “It is important that we honor those who have made that assistance possible.”

Cancer Services’ board of directors bestowed the first award on its namesake, William A. Kunkel III, who has served in many volunteer roles, including board member since 1959. Last year, the award was given to Jim and Adda Jane Wiegman. The couple has made significant contributions to our community as volunteers and co-founders of the US TOO support group for men with prostate cancer and their partners. They have given financial support and been a foundation for inspiration to staff and volunteers alike, always offering their help.

“Our previous recipients’ service to Cancer Services has been exemplary,” says Jill Nichols, co-chair of the Champions of Hope Selection committee. “The awards were an honor long overdue.”

Cancer Services is accepting nominations for this year’s award. Please visit our website to fill out the nomination form: www.cancer-services.org. Be sure to include information regarding how the nominee demonstrates leadership, compassion, and devotion to Cancer Services, including examples which address quality of life issues for people with cancer.

Nominations may be submitted by June 15, 2012 to Dianne May, Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825, or via email to dmay@cancer-services.org.

About Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana

Cancer Services’ mission is to enhance the quality of life of those affected by cancer by providing meaningful resources, information and compassionate assistance. Last year, more than 2,300 local people with cancer and their families received emotional support and practical resources for their cancer journey. Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana helps people who live in Allen, Adams, DeKalb, Huntington, Kosciusko, LaGrange, Noble, Steuben, Wabash, Wells, and Whitley counties.

For more information, visit www.cancer-services.org, or call toll free (866)484-9560.