

## **2025 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award**

**Name of Nominee: Sharon Fulcher**

**Name of Nominator: Don Adams**

I am pleased to nominate Sharon Fulcher for the prestigious Marion and Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award, in recognition of her exceptional dedication and tireless service to the Beavercreek community over the past 30 years. Sharon exemplifies the spirit of community engagement and philanthropy that this award seeks to honor.

Sharon has immersed herself in community service. For four years, she taught Pre-Kindergarten at the Beavercreek Christian Learning Center, laying a strong foundation for future generations. Her commitment to youth continued when she became the Middle School Youth Pastor at Beavercreek Nazarene Church (Be Hope). Over her seven years in this capacity, she developed meaningful initiatives, including an Integrity Awareness Program for 8th-grade students, and led programs like See You at the Pole and a weekly after-school Bible Study for middle schoolers.

Beyond her direct work with youth, Sharon significantly enhanced community involvement for the church. She organized numerous service projects, including cleaning and mulching local parks, improving community spaces, and initiating the Community Party in the Park, a free event featuring family-friendly movie nights. Sharon also demonstrated her compassion for those with disabilities by co-leading the Night to Shine event for two consecutive years.

Her influence extends to the senior adult community as well. Sharon served as a board member for the Area Agency on Aging for nine years, where she played a crucial role in decision-making for a nine-county region, ensuring that seniors receive the support they need. For 13 years, she led workshops focused on chronic disease management, empowering individuals to take control of their health. Furthermore, her commitment to the Greene County Council on Aging underscored her dedication to enriching the lives of older adults.

Sharon's involvement with the Beavercreek Parks and Recreation and Culture Board has positively impacted the maintenance and enhancement of local parks. Through her efforts, she contributed to events such as the 4th of July parade, fishing derbies, and the Winter Welcome celebration, fostering a spirit of community and togetherness.

One of her most significant initiatives began in 2010 when she recognized the pressing need for food assistance among local students. Committed to eradicating weekend hunger, Sharon has worked tirelessly for 16 years to raise awareness and implement solutions, ensuring that no child in Beavercreek goes hungry over the weekend.

Sharon Fulcher's extensive service to Beavercreek and surrounding areas reflects her unwavering commitment to bettering our community. From her impactful work in youth programs to her advocacy for seniors and her compassion for the hungry, Sharon has made a lasting difference in the lives of many. Her dedication is an inspiring example of community service in action.

For these reasons, I wholeheartedly recommend Sharon Fulcher for the Marion and Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award. It is time to recognize her invaluable contributions and the profound impact she has had on the Beavercreek community.