

2010 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award

Name of Nominee: Fran & Ed O'Shaughnessy

Name of Nominators: Jerry Smith

Fran and Ed met at Miami University while students and married after graduation. Because of Ed's career as a Marine pilot, which included an assignment flying C-130s in Southeast Asia during the Vietnam War, they lived in many different locations. When Ed retired and took a job with Airborne, they settled in Beavercreek and became active members of the community. While Fran had originally been a teacher, she found a greater love in serving with the American Red Cross, both in Greene County and in Dayton as well. Since beginning more than 20 years ago, she has risen to the level of Chief Emergency Services Officer for the Dayton Area Chapter of the American Red Cross. Through those years with the Red Cross, Fran has served in many leadership roles utilizing her skills during 24 national disaster relief efforts, including Katrina. While these actual assignments have been work-related, all the other activities Fran has engaged in while directing these efforts have been of her own volition.

Outside the parameters of employment, Fran has made a definite impact not only to those areas, but also to her community through various organizations and activities. She was a member of the Greene County Board of Retardation and Developmental Disabilities for 6 years, serving 2 terms as President, as well as Secretary and Vice-President. She is also a past member of the Board of Directors of the Family Violence Prevention Center and a current member of the Board of Directors of the Greene County Community Foundation. In addition, she holds membership in the National Disaster Advisory Council, the Beavercreek Forward Foundation, the Beavercreek Rotary Club (where she is a Past President, a Past Assistant District Governor, a member of District Grants Committee, a member of the District Emergency Preparedness Committee, a member of the Beavercreek Rotary Foundation, assisted in establishing the STRIVE program and a multi-time contributor to the Paul Harris Foundation), the Miami Valley Military Affairs Association, and Owen's Place. Past activities include the Fairborn Coordinating Council, lecturing at St. Luke's Church in Beavercreek, teaching school, President of Greene County MADD, Facilitator for Greene County Transportation Coalition, Co-Chair of Xenia Chamber of Commerce Education Committee, President of Beavercreek Toastmasters, Greene County Council on Aging Board, Greene County United Way Outcome Committee, WYSO Telethon volunteer, and being a military wife!

Ed's list of activities supporting the community is just as impressive. He has served as the Treasurer of the Greene County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities levy campaign fund, a current member of the Beavercreek Chamber's Board of Directors, a Co-chair of the 2010 Chamber Golf Outing, a member of the Chamber's Higher Education Grant Committee, a Beavercreek Rotarian (where he served as Treasurer and also Co-chaired many of its golf outings), and a member of MVMAA. Ed currently supervises the Red Cross Warehouse operation – a volunteer position requiring considerable time and energy, has participated in many disaster relief efforts, also as a volunteer, and currently volunteers at both the National Museum of the United States Air Force and at Wright State University's Archives Library. Both have been perennial volunteers at the Rotary Booth at the Popcorn Festival; both have also supported golf outings benefitting both the Greene County Community Foundation and Greene County Board of MRDD's Homecroft, Inc. And recently Ed has been responsible for securing employment contracts for individuals who receive services through the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities at Greene, Inc. Fran and Ed are married and have 2 sons and are expecting their first grandchild later this year. It is for all these reasons, cemented by the O'Shaughnessy's quiet commitment and support for not only Beavercreek, but for the entire region, that I nominate them for the 2010 Marion & Matty Penick Outstanding Community Service Award.