



Neighbors Helping Neighbors

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The Bluegrass Chapter of the American Red Cross recently concluded its 2009 Heroes Campaign in Fayette and Clark Counties. The Heroes Campaign is a community awareness and fundraising initiative which also seeks to recognize individuals who are making a positive, significant impact in our communities. Donors who raised or contributed a minimum of \$1000 were eligible to nominate an individual for each county's "2009 Hero of the Year."

The following individuals were nominated for the 2009 Fayette County Hero of the Year:

- MSG (ret) Viri F. Auterson, nominated by the retired UK ROTC Cadre
- Adam Bender, nominated by Kentucky American Water
- Lacey Buckler and Vicky Turner, nominated by UK HealthCare
- Dance Blue, nominated by Columbia Gas of Kentucky
- the late Julie Barnett Duncan, nominated by Cardinal Hill Hospital
- Dr. Andrew Moore, nominated by Harry Kruger
- Ann Render, nominated by the Friends of Ann Render
- Jim Sawyer, nominated by Stites and Harbison, Kentucky Utilities, and Fifth Third Bank
- the late Pat Smith, nominated by Reg and Sherrie Morris
- Dennis Sturt, nominated by the LFUCG Division of Fire and Emergency Services
- Joan Weber, nominated by Saint Joseph Hospital
- Isabel Yates, nominated by Dr. David Stevens, Rose Lucas, and Tucker Ballinger of Republic Bank

Dr. Andrew Moore, Dennis Sturt, Joan Weber, and Isabel Yates were selected by a committee of Red Cross volunteers as the 2009 Fayette County Hero of the Year finalists. Dr. Moore was named the 2009 "Fayette County Hero of the Year" for his work with the nonprofit organization he founded, Surgery on Sunday. Surgery on Sunday provides no-cost surgical services to the uninsured. Since its founding in 2005, the organization has performed more than 2,000 surgical procedures for Kentuckians in need.

In Clark County, the following individuals were nominated for the 2009 Hero of the Year:

- Dee Fletcher, nominated by Clark County CARES
- Pat Smith, nominated by Trapp Elementary School
- Roberta Skinner, nominated by East Kentucky Power Cooperative
- Nina Sallee, nominated by Pilot View Elementary School
- Ashley Flickenger, nominated by Strode Station Elementary School

Ms. Roberta Skinner was named the 2009 Clark County Hero of the Year. Ms. Skinner is a dedicated volunteer for numerous organizations in Clark County. She currently serves as a mentor for Conkwright Middle School and is actively involved with the Winchester Kiwanis Club and the Clark County United Way Board of Trustees.

The Bluegrass Chapter is honored to recognize all of the 2009 Hero of the Year nominees for their exemplary service to our communities.

For more information on the Bluegrass Chapter and the many ways you can help our neighbors, please visit our website at www.redcrosslexky.org.

