

## AWARDS PROGRAM

*Volunteer of the Year Reception:*  
5–6 p.m.

*Awards Banquet:*  
6–8:30 p.m.

*Emcees:*

**Ron Turpin**

- *IaUW Board Chair*
- *United Way of Allen County*

**Marla Flowers**

- *IaUW Conference Chair*
- *IaUW Board Secretary*
- *United Way of the Wabash Valley*

*"Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in."*

~ Author Unknown

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## CASTALDI AWARD HISTORY



Lawrence Castaldi led the Indiana Association of United Ways for its first three years and served on its Board until his death in 1985. Upon his retirement as Board Chairman in 1980, the Association presented

him with its first award recognizing the invaluable contributions he made to the United Way movement in Indiana. They named the award in his honor as a lasting tribute to his undaunting spirit of voluntarism, that same spirit which the Association salutes today through its highest honor, the Castaldi Award.

**Past Castaldi Honorees:** Jane Butcher, Lyndon Milliken, Gordon St. Angelo, Susanne Emge, JoAnn Meehan, Carol Dollens, Ernestine Raclin, James Siegmann, Dan MacDonald, Robert Holt, William Latz, Beverly McDermott, Michael Carroll, John Mutz, Elmer Blankenship, Margo Martin, Marilyn Moran Townsend, Jeanne Lee, Thomas Ristine, Cordelia Lewis Burks, Katie Humphries, Judy O'Bannon, Fred Miller, Walter Kirkwood, Larry Welker, James Dworkin, Robert McIntosh and Connie Bond Stuart

## AWARDS BANQUET

### HONORING UNITED WAYS AND UNITED FUNDS' VOLUNTEER LEADERS AND ORGANIZATIONS

INDIANAPOLIS MARRIOTT NORTH  
April 13, 2017 6:00 PM

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## VOLUNTEERS AND COMPANIES OF THE YEAR

**3Rivers Federal Credit Union**  
Allen County

**Elizabeth Casalini**  
Cass County

**Wabash Composites**  
Clinton County

**Blake O'Mara**  
Decatur County

**Perry Schnarr**  
Greater Lafayette &  
Tippecanoe County

**Haynes International**  
Howard County

**Our Sunday Visitor**  
Huntington County

**Cummins Seymour Engine Plant**  
Jackson County

**Scott Ostermeier**  
Johnson County

**BP Whiting Refinery**  
Lake Area

**NIPSCO**  
LaPorte County

**Thomas Blackburn**  
Marshall County

**Bryan Maggart**  
Miami County

**Ron Donahue**  
Porter County

**William Christopher Strafford**  
St. Joseph County

**Robert Reynolds**  
Whitewater Valley

## COMMUNITY IMPACT AWARD BRIGHT STAR AWARD

The award honors implementation progress in all six United Way Business Mobilization Framework elements and success in at least three of six elements.

**United Way of Miami County**  
With significant contributions by  
**Lisa Boothby**

## THE 2017 CASTALDI AWARD



### **Michael O'Connor**

has provided extraordinary leadership in two major avenues and was nominated by United Way of Central Indiana.

In public policy, Mike's work has united business, philanthropy, education and community around a single cause that will ultimately impact the economy of our state.

Mike championed the effort to improve early childhood education by working for adequate safety standards after seeing the tragic results of programs without them. He also worked to increase early education access for low-income children by lobbying for city and state funds. And, Mike helped raise \$10 million in corporate support for early childhood education.

Another major achievement was his key role in the landmark Global Strategic Corporate Partnership agreement between Eli Lilly and Company (Lilly), United Way Worldwide, and United Way of Central Indiana, one of the first of its kind. The result is that, in addition to Early Childhood Education and Early Grade Literacy in Central Indiana, Lilly locations worldwide have adopted Education as a priority in partnership with their local United Ways.

Mike has been a United Way of Central Indiana board member for 13 years and serves on its Executive Committee. He has served on the Central Indiana Early Childhood Business Council, and the Success by 6 Leadership Council among many other volunteer roles.

Through collaboration and leveraging his considerable expertise, Mike O'Connor has modeled the kind of purposeful leadership worthy of the Castaldi Award.