

Cyndi Craigmile is a tireless volunteer for her church, school and community. It is most likely easier to share what she does not do than what she does do, because the list would be shorter. Organizing, chaperoning, sewing, mending, fundraising, mentoring, supervising, leading, encouraging, and moving equipment around are a few of the things she does as a volunteer. She does these things and more all while smiling for countless activities and groups.

For the school she plays a large roll in coordinating the fundraising and concessions for the band program. During marching season she is at school early on Friday mornings helping with the equipment, which is above and beyond the regular "roadie" work of moving equipment for marching performances. She provides her sewing talents to alter uniforms and make or alter costumes for the drama group.

Through church she is in a sewing group that makes quilts as well as sewing diapers for kids in Africa. Teaching people how to sew is a priority for her as well as getting some sewn herself. Some lucky young members get to have her as a mentor, which is a job she takes seriously. She also plans and chaperones trips for the youth.

4H is another organization that she helps out, by picking up walnuts, helping with fundraisers, working at the fair, and lending a helping hand when needed.

Cyndi is a special volunteer because she does the things she knows are coming up but also takes care of things that come up on short notice. She is the MVP of utility players. Ready to try something or learn something to accomplish the goal at hand even if she has not done it before. Sewing 100+ flags and determining how to get them folded to put into a snowflake form at the last minute was not too much a task for her. She also had to teach high school students how to fold them.

Many times I have heard her speak of a friend who was sick or just had a baby. Cyndi's next sentence would be what meal she is taking over to their family. This kind of help is just a necessity for her and not a burden to do.

All this volunteer work she does with a happy serving attitude. She makes volunteering fun and inspires others to get involved too. Much of her weekend "free" time is spent doing for and with others. She is a fine example for the difference a volunteer can make.

The community of Waukee is lucky to have such a talented citizen who shares their talent in the community, church and school. She is the kind of person who will continue to do such things without recognition, but this is a fabulous opportunity to honor a humble volunteer of Waukee. Cyndi deserves this public recognition of Citizen of the Year.



2013
~~2012~~ CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
NOMINATION FORM

Each year, the City of Waukeee honors a citizen chosen for their hard work and dedication during the previous year. Please nominate a Waukeee citizen who you believe deserves special recognition for their service and dedication to the community.

RULES:

- The Mayor will appoint a Selection Committee.
- Nominations will be accepted from February 1, 2013 through March 1, 2013 at City Hall.
- Nominees for Citizen of the Year will be considered for their dedicated volunteer service to the city, schools, civic organizations, churches or community and on other criteria developed by the committee. In order to be considered for the award, a nominee must be a Waukeee resident. Selection will not be based strictly on the number of nominations received for a particular nominee.
- Nominations received will become the property of the City of Waukeee and will not be returned.
- No information regarding nominations will be released.
- The Selection Committee will review all the nominations in March and report their selection to the Mayor.
- The Mayor will announce the name of the recipient at the April 1, 2013 regular council meeting.
- A reception honoring the Citizen of the Year will be held in late April/early May.
- The Citizen of the Year will also be honored by riding in the parades for the 4th of July and Waukeefest.

NAME OF NOMINEE Cyndi Craigmile

Using 1,000 words or less, please describe why you think this person should be Citizen of the Year (use additional sheets if necessary):

There is not an organization that could find a better volunteer than Cydi Craigmile! I have watched over the years the countless hours that Cyndi has volunteered and given her time. She is one person who will never say "no" to helping anyone. I have had the pleasure to volunteer with her at the Waukeee Methodist Church, Waukeee Community-School Foundation, Waukeee Dollars for Scholars and Waukeee School Activities. I highly recommend Cyndi as the 2013 Citizen of the Year!

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Mark and Cyndi Craigmile, along with their son, Matt, moved to Waukee in 1993. Their daughter, Michaela, was born a couple of years later. Since that time, Cyndi has been an unsung hero to the Waukee community, and the Waukee School District. She has dedicated countless hours volunteering, being one of those unique people who is one of the first to say "yes", show up when expected, carry a project through to completion, and not expect recognition.

When the Craigmiles moved to Waukee, Cyndi became involved with the schools and the Waukee youth soccer program, little league, and the youth basketball program.

As her children became more involved, her level of involvement also has increased.

Cyndi was a valued board member of the Waukee Community School Foundation for several years, and was a vital part of Waukee Dollars for Scholars, now known as Waukee Foundation Scholarships, in its infancy and beyond. She assisted with fundraising events for both, as well as the annual food drive done for the Waukee Area Christian Food Pantry. Cyndi held the position of Treasurer for both the Foundation and Dollars for Scholars for several years, lending her accounting expertise to the organizations.

The instrumental music department at the schools has been a passion of Cyndi's for many years, assisting with various marching band events, concessions, and fundraising. As of late, she has also been helping in the Drama department at the high school.

4-H has been another interest of Cyndi's, helping with projects for many years in the Waukee community.

Cyndi and her family have been members of Waukee United Methodist Church since moving to Waukee. She and Mark have been Sunday School teachers for numerous years, she has served on various boards, provided donations for both funeral dinners and also the homeless shelter. The last couple of years, Cyndi has helped spearhead a volunteer project at her church making diapers out of t-shirts that are then shipped to the needy in Haiti. Not only has Cyndi organized sewing sessions at the church, worked on the project many, many hours at home, but also organized and supervised classes at the high school teaching the students to not only make the diapers, but also the importance of volunteering and helping others.

When I read the criteria for Waukee Citizen of the Year, I can think of no one more deserving than Cyndi Craigmile.

Submitted by Patty Myers, 2803 144th Street, Urbandale, IA 50323

2-18-2013



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Re: Cyndi Cragmile
2012 Citizen of the Year Nomination

I met Cyndi Cragmile for the first time when she was a PTO board member, years ago when there was one PTO for all the Waukee schools. Carnivals, Sally Foster sales, magazine sales... she was always a willing volunteer. A little later the Waukee Community School Foundation was another board we shared in common. Parades, fall festival tents, dinner & auction events... she not only would lend a hand, but was often in charge. Because of her accounting skills, she was tapped for many treasurer positions, which she managed to handle with ease while juggling a job and raising a family. When our children were in high school, we met again on the Dollars for Scholars board; she served as Treasurer and Secretary and continued on the board after I left. Fundraising mass mailings, football games, more parades, basketball games, food drives, helping other chapters, state meetings, meetings with outside auditors, senior interviews.... she did it all. And during that time, I know she was involved with the Waukee High School Band and her church, as well. We sought Cyndi out either to chair events or handle skilled positions such as treasurer, because she always got things done in a timely manner, never complained, and was always one of the most pleasant people you could have involved in a cause. I have admired Cyndi over the years and am pleased to say we became friends, because her attributes are what you look for in a friend: reliable, trustworthy, dependable, able to keep a confidence and always upbeat. I cannot think of a more worthy individual for Waukee citizen of the year!

Respectfully submitted,

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Name of Nominee: Cyndi Craigmile

Cyndi's commitment to her community is displayed through her leadership which includes Waukee United Methodist Church, Waukee Community School District, Diapers for Haiti and 4-H.

Currently Cyndi co-teaches the pre-school Sunday School class at the church which she has held for ten years. While she is teaching the little ones, she is busy with the high school youth at the church. She just recently organized a group to attend a youth rally in Kansas City for 25 students and she also chaperoned. Her involvement with the youth has no age limits.

By profession, Cyndi is a CPA. A few years ago she audited the church financial books. Through her patience and detailed ethics, she uncovered financial losses. She expected nothing in return but a simple thank you for her dedication and determination.

Over the years, Cyndi has helped with the Dallas County 4-H clubs. Even though she was not actually a leader, she was deeply involved with their projects and demonstrations as a "helper" and instructor.

Cyndi was appointed by the Superintendent of schools to serve on various committees; such as, school boundaries and Key Communicators. She also served as treasurer of Dollars for Scholars and was a member of the School Foundation Board. She is currently involved with the Marching Band Parents Organization.

Cyndi's latest activity is organizing Diapers for Haiti. She has taken this from the Methodist Church project to a community project. KCCI filmed the latest community involvement at St. Boniface and had a nice story on their 10:00 PM news.

During Cyndi's free time, she rewards herself with sewing and quilting. She has taken the time to share her talents with others and takes pride in teaching others her hobby.

Because of Cyndi's involvement with the Community through the church and school, we highly recommend her for 2013 Citizen of the year.

Leonard & Pat Gutshall

Dear Selection Committee,

I am nominating Cyndi Craigmile for Waukeee's Citizen of the Year for 2013. Cyndi has a spirit of giving and service which has touched countless people in our community and far beyond, making her a perfect choice for this special recognition.

Cyndi is a member of the Waukeee United Methodist Church. She and her husband, Mark, have taught Sunday School for about 20 years, the last 15 or 16 years in the Pre-Kindergarten class with three and four year olds. In so doing, they have laid the foundation for a lifetime of Christian learning for our youngest members.

The Craigmiles share this special ministry with the Pre-K Sunday School class with Randy and Deb Lauer. Deb Lauer adds, "Cyndi Craigmile serves the Waukeee United Methodist Church tirelessly. She brings love, energy, and an unfailing sense of humor to her work as a Sunday School teacher. The many small faces in the pre-k class beam when she is around, caring for and comforting those little ones who become overwhelmed by trying to be a "big kid" on Sunday mornings. Cyndi receives a lot of high fives anytime she sees her current and former Sunday School students around the church."

Cyndi has also done instrumental work as Waukeee UMC financial secretary, organizes our fellowship times before and after our worship celebrations, and has also turned her talents in sewing and quilting into ministry opportunities. If you walk into the sanctuary of our church, you will see beautifully crafted wall hangings she has created or helped create. She is one of a small group that quilts adorable blankets to wrap babies in after their baptisms as a reminder of this special day in their lives.

Cyndi's biggest sewing project yet may be overseeing the making of over 5,000 diapers. The diapers are made from donated t-shirts and are being sent to an orphanage in Haiti as completed throughout the year. This project was recently featured on KCCI 8 news and Cyndi was interviewed as one of the key leaders of this project.

Cyndi shares her time and talents with our church's Jr. and Sr. High youth groups. In February, they attended an Acquire the Fire conference in Kansas City. Cyndi helped plan and organize registrations and fund raising. She also attended as a chaperone and kept track of each attender throughout the weekend. Deb Lauer contributes, "Cyndi is the powerhouse who organizes and heads up the fund raising so Waukeee Methodist teens can attend the annual Acquire the Fire youth revival. She takes care of everything and everyone during the trip and makes sure all goes smoothly. Our dynamic youth group has benefitted immensely from Cyndi's faithful efforts."

The Waukeee Schools are also recipients of Cyndi's volunteering spirit. She has been very involved with the Dollars for Scholars program and has supported the Fine Arts department in various ways. Cyndi is also an active band parent, doing everything from sewing uniform hems and making sure the concession stand is ready for the hungry crowds to packing buses for various band trips.

Cyndi has been involved with 4-H and has helped many girls look their best by making or altering their dresses for homecoming or prom. The list just goes on and on.

Cyndi is one of the most talented, organized, dependable and caring persons that I know. She takes her commitments seriously and shares her time and talents with a smile. She doesn't boast or call attention to herself; she just keeps on doing things that make a difference. Recognizing Cyndi Craigmile as Waukeee's Citizen of the Year would be a wonderful way to thank her for all she does and for helping making Waukeee such a great place to live.

Sincerely,



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Becky Schuett

From: McKinlee Gibson
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 10:05 AM
To: Becky Schuett
Subject: FW: Citizen of the Year

Please include with the nominations.

McKinlee Gibson

-----Original Message-----

From: Veronica Stalker [<mailto:fstalker@mchsi.com>]
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 9:56 AM
To: McKinlee Gibson
Subject: Citizen of the Year

Hi, McKinlee. I'm not in Iowa and don't have access to the proper form for nominating the Citizen of the Year. Please accept this email as nomination for Cyndi Craigmile For this recognition. I met Cyndi in 1994 and have since observed her tireless efforts to support and improve our community, her church, and our schools.

Cyndi has given countless hours to Waukee Dollars for Scholars effort, serving as treasurer and as a long-time board member. Her service continued long past the time in which she had children in school. She has been continually been one of the unseen volunteers working behind the scenes to ensure a successful Walk for the Cure.

At her church, she is, again, always present in a quiet way. Cyndi doesn't seek the "out-in-front" positions. She is just always there working on initiatives that improve her community, church and school.

I ask for strong consideration of Cyndi Craigmile as this year's Waukee Citizen of the year.

Veronica Stalker

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Becky Schuett

From: Heidi Price <hprice1210@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 28, 2013 11:22 AM
To: Becky Schuett
Subject: Citizen of the year nomination
Attachments: Waukee Citizen of the Year Nomination.docx

Please find attached my nomination of Cyndi Craigmile for Waukee citizen of the Year. I apologize this is not on the form, but I could not get it to open.

Thank you for the opportunity to recognize a wonderful person!

Heidi Price-Eastman

Waukee Citizen of the Year Nomination:

Cyndi Craigmile

I believe Cyndi has certainly represented and embraced the City of Waukee in several different areas. Cyndi has served on several school committees, has been actively involved in many high school activities through fundraising for the band program, sewing costumes for theatrical productions and dresses for the show choirs, as well as volunteering countless hours for these organizations.

Cyndi has also served her church through many volunteer opportunities as well and reaching out to the Waukee community through there efforts.

Cyndi is a hard working dedicated individual to her family, her friends and her community.