

**Herkimer County Office for the  
Aging Advisory Council 2024  
Annual Senior Awards  
September 19, 2024**

*Person of the Year*  
*Eileen Manno*



*Outstanding Contribution*  
*Charles Brockett*

**Eileen Manno** resides in Frankfort, NY with her husband Peter. Her time and talents to our community are so very deserving of this recognition.

A life long New Yorker, Eileen began her career as a licensed practical nurse. She continued in that position until 1991 and began working for Slo-cum Dickson Medical Group fitting hearing aids for those with hearing loss. She retired in 2007 and she began her second career as a volunteer serving the people in Herkimer County

Eileen started with RSVP in October of 2007 by volunteering at the Frankfort/Ilion Food Pantry and shortly after she began to volunteer with Food Sense program. Sixteen years later and she is still actively volunteering for these programs.

In 2012, she began serving on the Herkimer County Office for the Aging Advisory Council and she has been a constant supporter until her recent retirement from the council in 2023. Eileen and her husband Peter partici-

**Charles "Charlie" Brockett** is a life-long resident of Dolgeville, NY with his wife Cheryl. He has a long standing record of volunteerism within the community, stretching back 35 years.

Charlie began his career in 1969 in elementary education, and transitioned into the role of a Guidance Counselor in the Dolgeville Central School District. He was a counselor for over 30 years, helping to shape the lives of thousands of young people during his tenure. During his summers he has worked road construction and has been a counselor for the Summer Youth Program.

Charlie coached the Dolgeville modified boy's basketball team and Little League for 10 years. Charlie believes that it is very important to support young people and help to develop their skills and build self esteem and competency.

Charlies contributions to the community at large are many; including assisting with activities supporting the Little Falls Canal Days Bike Race; The Kuyahoorra Kickers, the Mohawk Valley Bicycle Club, the Adirondack 46rs,

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pated in the Office for the Aging Spring Clean-up program. This program involved helping older adults rake and clean their yards for the Spring. Eileen and her husband Peter attended many Public Hearings and many other events the Office for the Aging sponsored. She has always been a strong advocate in sharing her knowledge of the services that the Office for the Aging provided to those in her community. Eileen was always looking for any opportunity to assist the Office for the Aging. Eileen believed in the programs and did everything possible to support the staff at the Office for the Aging and promote their services.

Over the years she has spent countless hours working to make our community a better place. She has a strong faith and has volunteered with her church including being a part of the Amen Choir, she provides assistance with accounting activities at the church, and taught religious education.

Eileen has touched many lives throughout her career and volunteerism. She does it all from the kindness of her heart and expects nothing in return! We are grateful for all you have done—Thank you!

and the Dollar for Scholars program. Charlie believes in being physically active and he participated in road races and bicycle races that supports community nonprofits. He has also ran the famous "Boilermaker Road Race" for over 25 years.

Additional, Charlie has been an active member of the Herkimer County Youth Bureau's Advisory Board since 1997 and has supported the Youth Bureaus in screening applications for funding, as well as providing guidance to the Board as Chairperson. Charlie is always willing to lend a hand in anything that supports young people and the community, with a cheerful demeanor and spirit of cooperation. Charlie is invested in this community, and will do anything that is asked of him to contribute in a positive way to the Mohawk Valley that is his home. He has been an outstanding member of this community and a role model in the lives of young people, as well as providing a positive influence on those around him.

Charlie is an instrumental person in his community and his continued commitment to the various organizations he has volunteered deserves recognition! Thank—you!

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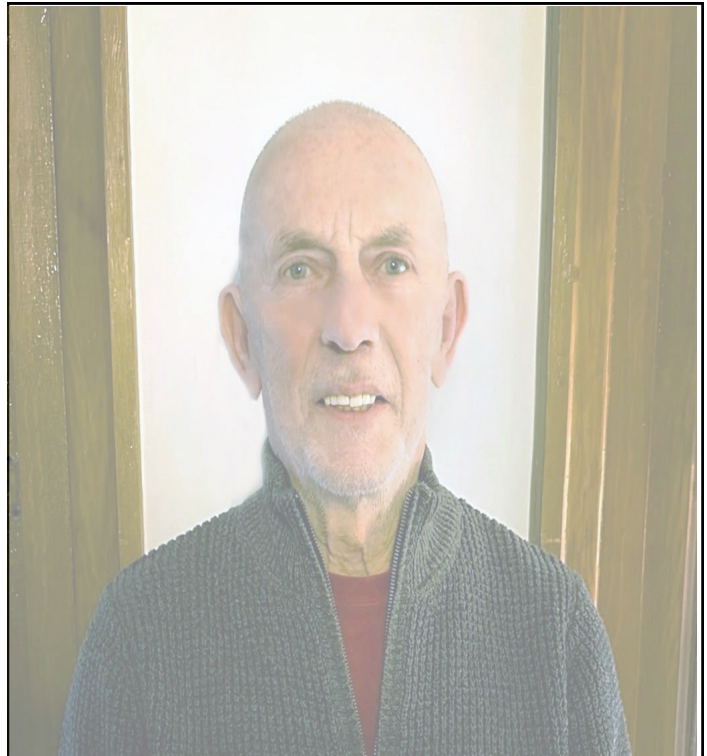


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“Volunteering makes you a better person  
It is so rewarding to know you are helping people”

~*Eileen Manno*~



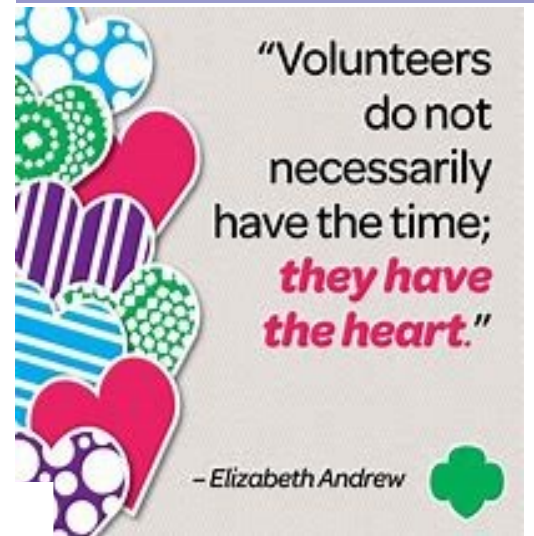
“People should help each other;  
Don’t underestimate your own potential.  
By doing that, you can help other realize their potential”

~*Charles Brockett*~





**WE**   
**VOLUNTEERS**



Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier

Mother Teresa



*Previous Senior Citizen of  
the Year Award Winners*



*Previous Outstanding  
Contribution Award Winners*

2023 Roy and Joan Van Slyke, Little Falls

2022 Lydia Sexton, Frankfort

2021 Doug Capraro, West Winfield

2020 Gail Domion, Ilion

2019 Martin Sorensen, Herkimer

2018 Barbara Curran, Newport

2017 Jane Dieffenbacher, Fairfield

2016 Esther Austin, Dolgeville

2015 Laverne McMurray, Frankfort

2014 Ray Lenarcic, Herkimer

2013 Eileen Tobin, Thendara

2012 Joanne Amato, Frankfort

2011 Ralph Dow, Newport

2010 Eleanor Pederson, Ilion

2009 Lucy Brown, Little Falls

2008 Emily Sokol, Little Falls

2007 William McEachern, Herkimer

2006 Vivian Davis, Herkimer

2005 Earl Alexander, Ilion

2004 Ruth Nelson Brussel, Old Forge

2003 Robert Sanzo, Ilion

2002 Elizabeth Williams, West Winfield

2001 Arlene Folts, Cold Brook

2000 Ferris Foster, Frankfort

1999 Annabelle Marquissee, Herkimer

1998 Jean Neary, Herkimer

2023 Michael Bulger, Little Falls

2022 Joann Capraro, West Winfield

2020 Ralph Dow, Westdale

2019 Margaret VanDelinder Old Forge

2018 Hazel Dellavia, Old Forge

2017 Helen Brandon, Ilion

2016 Patricia Sullivan, Ilion

2015 Carol Zaffarano, Frankfort

2014 Rev. Alfred A. Lamanna, Herkimer

2013 Barbara Goodson, Mohawk

2012 Darryl Grubner, Herkimer

2011 Margaret Hall, Herkimer

2010 Albert & Ruth Brussel, Old Forge

2009 Ernest Maine, Newport

2008 Edward S. View, Jr., Mohawk

2007 Sylvia Rowan, Herkimer

2006 Judy Steele, Ilion

2005 Anthony D'Arpino, Herkimer

2004 Marion McKenney, Little Falls

2003 Pat Herringshaw, Herkimer

2002 Ed Przestrzelski, Ilion

2001 William Stubba, Newport

2000 Gerald & Catherine Drake, Winfield

1999 Anthony Baggetta, Herkimer

1998 Marian Jones, Poland

1997 Rose Cirillo, Mohawk



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*The Advisory Council of the Herkimer County Office for the Aging has been honoring seniors since 1977. These winners are representative of hundreds of Herkimer County residents who selflessly give of themselves for others. Bless you all.*

### *Previous Senior Citizen Award Winners continued*

- 1997 Jack Carney, Poland
- 1996 Rosemary Coffey, Old Forge
- 1995 Raymond "Pete" Bleau, Mohawk
- 1994 Donald Costello, Ilion
- 1993 Milford G. Woodrick, Herkimer
- 1992 Stephen Ivan, E. Herkimer
- 1991 Sister Adelina St. Hilaire
- 1990 Elmer Smith, Herkimer
- 1989 Arthur Burgess, Mohawk
- 1988 Margery Anderson, Herkimer
- 1987 Ruth Miller, Ilion
- 1986 Doris Sehring, Mohawk
- 1985 Ann Klimacek, Herkimer
- 1984 Nan Grossman, Frankfort
- 1983 Harry Enea, Herkimer
- 1982 Clarence Patterson, East Herkimer

### *Previous Outstanding Contribution Award Winners continued*

- 1996 Elizabeth Gage, Ilion
- 1995 Edward Ervin, Herkimer
- 1994 Mary J. Barbuto, Frankfort
- 1993 Louise Biederstedt, Mohawk
- 1992 Martha Endres, Herkimer
- 1991 Robert Dreizler, Ilion
- 1990 Betty Bice, Herkimer
- 1989 Vivian Smagalski, Herkimer
- 1988 Harry Enea, Herkimer
- 1987 William Brynes, Newport
- 1986 Harold Talbott, W. Winfield
- 1985 Sister Rachel, Little Falls
- 1984 Howard McCumber, Little Falls
- 1983 Pearl DeLun, Dolgeville

