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## outstanding fundraiser award

### MADELINE BOZZELLI



Madeline began volunteering in the 1960s with the Friends of Akron Children's Hospital and has not stopped since. She has served on numerous boards and helped raise countless dollars for a myriad of local civic and social service organizations including St. Thomas Day at the races, Akron Children's Hospital Harness Race Rally, the YMCA's Friday at Five, and The Melting Pot – A Taste of Many Nations for Mature Services.

She is credited with creating several well-known fundraising events, including The Iris Ball (Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital), the Sugartown Express (American Diabetes Foundation), Tea & Symphony, Pie in the Sky, and Tisket A Tasket.

The University of Akron named Madeline an Honorary Alumna in 1990. In recognition of her life-long community involvement, her husband Libert established *The Madeline Bozzelli Scholarship* in 1999 at The University of Akron, to be awarded annually to a student majoring in marketing, public relations, or one of the fine arts – music, dance, theatre, or art.

Madeline has received many honors for her service to the community. In 1982, the United Way of Summit County honored her with their Distinguished Service Award. She received the Cliff Skeen Lifetime Achievement Award in 1995 from the Summit County Executive. Madeline and Libert were also awarded the Ohio Ballet's prestigious Bravo! Award.

Although she is well known for selling raffle tickets (to bring in extra money), in reality, Madeline does it all. From planning the event to everything else it takes to make it happen, she and her husband always generate excitement for each specific cause. Her life has been dedicated to community service and the greater Akron community has benefited from her tireless giving, strong leadership, and philanthropic spirit.

Madeline and Libert have been married for 60 years, and they are very proud parents of four, grandparents of eight, and great-grandparents of five.

She has spent the past 30+ years working at least six hours a day on her volunteer work. "It is very important to me to help people in any way I can," explained Madeline. "It is important to enjoy your time and this is how I enjoy mine; working for people and getting it done."

nominated by  
Mature Services  
member Tracy Popio