



AWARDEE:

Glenn Davis **Steuben County**



Glenn Davis has a kind and gentle heart, filled with concern for his neighbors. For more than 50 years, he has been a member of the Avoca Fire and Ambulance Department, and was honored by the American Red Cross as a “Real Hometown Hero.” He says “I figured that if I had a problem I would want someone to come help me, so I should be willing to help others.” Six years ago, Glenn used his engineering drafting experience with his former employer, Mercury, to lead The Ramp Guys. This dedicated group of volunteers travels throughout Steuben County designing and building ramps for older adults and people with disabilities free of charge. In 2017, The Ramp Guys spent 1,800 hours building 40 ramps valued at more than \$29,000, with more than half of the material used being donated. Glenn has been a Freemason for 48 years, and was involved in many capacities, including with fundraising for medical research including heart arrhythmias, and the 32nd Degree Masons supporting research on schizophrenia. He was treasurer of his lodge and a Freemason State Representative for 1988-89.

Glenn was born and raised in Wallace, NY, where his parents ran the local hardware store. He and Linda, his wife of 33 years, were classmates at Avoca High School. Glenn served on the Avoca Village board for 20 years, with 13 of those years as mayor. He has passed his spirit of compassion on to his children. One daughter is preparing to serve with her husband on Mercy Ships, bringing medical and humanitarian aid to children in Africa, and is opening an orphanage in the Philippines. Both of his sons have been volunteer firemen and EMTs, and his other daughter is a dedicated Girl Scout leader.

Glenn believes that if you are physically and mentally capable, then you need to show compassion for your neighbors through volunteering. He has seen firsthand the life-changing effect an act of kindness can have. Glenn says, “Without volunteers, I don’t know how some people would have survived.”