

AWARDEES:

Larry & Cathy Storm

Steuben County



Many small pebbles of kindness can create a mountain of goodwill. Larry and Cathy are living embodiments of this sense of community spirit. Both are lifelong residents of Steuben County, residing in the greater Bath area.

For Larry, that has meant coaching Little League Baseball, Cinderella Softball, Ambulance Corp, and Bath Volunteer Fire Department. They have served their church in many ways, especially in the kitchens. He's also known for "Larry's Tip of the Week" via the Fire Department's electronic billboard. Cathy has been a member of the auxillary. She can often be found sewing for the Fire Department, school plays, Pregnancy Resource Center or creating prom dresses for girls in need. She has also spent many fun hours baking at Family Life Ministries.

Larry & Cathy met when Cathy asked a friend: "Are there any good men still around?" Her friend arranged a blind date, and 41 years later, the two are still inseparable. Circumstances in their lives have created an optimistic attitude in each of them. They have faced health challenges that have created a desire for them to help others as Apnea Monitor Counselors (1980s). More recently, they provide helping hands and companionship for people facing unknown and frightening medical situations. As they both graduated from Bath-Haverling School, they maintain school connections through their children and grandchildren. Cathy often substitute teaches there. Their home, known to many as "Grand Central Station," has always been open to their kids' friends and now to their grandchildren's friends. No one has ever been turned away, especially at mealtime. They also opened their home up to three very special foster children.

Larry and Cathy believe it is everyone's privilege to show that all people have been created with value. They demonstrate this daily by serving others through kindness, respect, and open hearts. They both say, "When you see a need, you fill it. There must be something good about living this way because we keep doing it."