

AWARDEE:

Linda Tetor Steuben County



Linda Tetor has devoted her life to the health and wellbeing of older New Yorkers and their families.

Linda is a visionary who looks at every situation and asks, “How can we make it better?” She never turns down a request for help, whether lending a hand or a shoulder to cry on. There is nothing she loves more than brightening the world with a good laugh, even if it is at her own expense.

Having lived through many of life’s challenges and victories, Linda offers people a new perspective and a path forward. She is a friend to many and a helper to countless others she may never have met personally. It is no exaggeration to say that her community is better, thanks to Linda’s contributions, large and small. She believes she has been blessed in life and freely shares all she has with the world.

Linda Tetor was born in Bath, New York, and has lived there most of her life. She graduated from Kent State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in education and a minor in library science. She spent time as a school librarian in Kent, Ohio. She returned to her hometown and was working as the coordinator of RSVP when she was tapped to be the founding director of the Steuben County Office for the Aging in 1984.

Linda retired in 2010 with 38 years of service at Steuben County and immediately returned as the Executive Director of the Steuben Senior Services Fund, where she continues to work today. Linda has served on the board of directors of many nonprofit agencies throughout her career, bringing creativity and a caring heart to the table.

Linda cared for her parents for years, allowing them to age in place. She enjoys close family relationships and is always on the go, working toward personal goals for her mind, body, and spirit while touching the lives around her.

When asked her thoughts on volunteering, Linda said, “I have this motto on my desk which has guided my life and volunteering: ‘Do all the good you can, by all the means you can, in all the places you can, at all the times you can, as long as you can.’”