

Pathfinder Services, Inc. Honors Community – October 27, 2007 Annual Dinner

Pathfinder Services, Inc. of Huntington, honored individuals and organizations within the communities they serve at their annual community recognition dinner Saturday evening at Huntington University. The not-for-profit human services organization presented awards for support of the organization and the people it serves followed by a keynote presentation by Landon Turner, member of the 1981 Indiana University's National Championship Team. Turner shared his story of overcoming a disability to live a successful life.



At the dinner, the Pathfinder Services Board of Directors presented the prestigious Herbert D. LaMont award to **Bill Hancher**. He has devoted many years of his life working with Pathfinder Services, Inc. Hancher has served six years on the Services Board of Pathfinder Services, Inc., as chairman from 1993 through 1995. Hancher then served ten years on the Foundation Board, and as the Board's president from 1998 through 2002. He also serves as an advocate for people with disabilities, from the perspective of a parent of a son with severe disabilities. Hancher, along with his wife Barbara has initiated the Timothy Hancher Direct Services Award, honoring a Pathfinder staff person who has gone "above and beyond" in providing direct services to the Pathfinder clients. He underwrites the cost of the award, including a monetary award to the chosen staff person.

The Pathfinder Services Board of Directors gives the LaMont award annually in honor of the late Herbert D. LaMont, who was a major force in the development of services for persons with disabilities in Huntington County.

Hancher, presented the Timothy Hancher Direct Services Award to **Jenny Yoder**, Substitute for Pathfinder Services, Inc. The award honors a Pathfinder Services employee or employees who work directly with clients. The award was founded in memory of Bill and Barb Hancher's son, Timothy, who was born with severe developmental and physical disabilities and passed away in 1996 at the age of twenty-six.



At the dinner, Pathfinder Services also gave Community Partner Awards to individuals and organizations that supported Pathfinder Services Inc. and their customers during the past fiscal year. Recipients include:

- The **City of Huntington Parks Department**, who have supported Pathfinder Services by assisting the organization in donating Heritage Hall at Hiers Park in Huntington for various events throughout the year.
- **Good Humor-Breyers of Huntington**, received a Community Partner Award from R & R, the Recycling and Refuse Division of Pathfinder Services for being an outstanding cardboard customer of the division throughout the years.
- **Schneider Electric of Huntington**, received a Community Partner Award from the Manufacturing Division of Pathfinder Services, Inc for their partnership in providing a great deal of work to the division in 2007, along with assisting the division in reaching 100% on time quality and delivery.
- **First Federal Savings Bank**, which has partnered with Community Connections, the homeownership division of Pathfinder Services, Inc. received a Community Partner Award for providing loans for down payment assistance to over thirty families in the program.
- **Huntington University** received a Community Partner Award from Kids Kampus, the childcare division of Pathfinder Services, Inc. for their years of partnership with the division, and for donating the land the childcare center is located on.
- **Kentucky Fried Chicken of Huntington** was honored by Resource Connection, the employment division of Pathfinder Services, Inc. for providing several clients of Resource Connection with employment in 2007.

Landon Turner, from the 1981 Indiana University Men's Basketball National Championship team, concluded the evening with a presentation of how he overcame a disability to lead a successful life. Turner was paralyzed from the chest down five months after the championship game in 1981 and told his story of triumph to the audience in attendance.



Pathfinder Services, Inc. is a not-for-profit human services organization based in Huntington, where it was founded in 1966. Pathfinder's provides Community Group Living services for adults who have developmental disabilities, Supported Living services for people who have disabilities and live independently, Community Integration services to assist people who have disabilities become more involved in their communities, Transitional Housing services for families who are homeless, as well as employment services, children's services, home ownership assistance and other services to enhance the quality of life in the communities it serves. In addition to Huntington County, Pathfinder Services, Inc. has office locations in Wabash and Plymouth. For more information on the services of Pathfinder Services Inc., please call (260) 356-0500.