

Recognizing Excellence in 2012



The Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Advisory Board's 17th Annual Community Recognition Award was given to Sister James Ann Germuska at January's Commissioner's Meeting. This award is given to an outstanding community leader who has made a difference in the lives of individuals in recovery, with mental health needs, and/or intellectual disabilities.

Sister James Ann serves as Crosskeys Human Services Inc.'s Chief Executive Officer, and has developed numerous programs that benefit county residents. Crosskeys employs 42 people and provides services to approximately 200 seniors and 120 consumers with mental health needs on a daily basis.

Nominated by Luann McDonald and Jayne Loveland, both employees at Crosskeys, they believe that "without Sister's spirituality, experience, knowledge, determination and cooperation, these programs would not be the successes they are."

Sister James Ann has been involved in improving the lives of people in Fayette County since 1975 and is personally involved with the consumers and their recovery. She has made a big impact on many mental health and aging participants, bringing the two populations together for activities on a daily basis. Sister has given consumers numerous opportunities to change their lives and has literally opened her home to people who were in need.

Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration offers congratulations and thanks to Sister James Ann Germuska for her outstanding leadership, community contributions and dedication to her fellow citizens of Fayette County.

In the photo from left to right: Lu Ann McDonald, Jayne Loveland, Sister James Ann Germuska, Phil Michael FCBHA Advisory Board Chairman, Commissioner Alfred F. Ambrosini, Chairman Commissioner Vince Zapotosky and Commissioner Angela M. Zimmerlink.