[redacted]

2016 STAR Awards Nomination Form

[redacted]

STAR

Service Together Achieves Results

for Champaign Neighborhoods

Examples of past nomination forms:

- STAR Award Nomination Form – Sample 1
- STAR Award Nomination Form – Sample 2
- STAR Award Nomination Form – Sample 3

City of Champaign 2016 STAR Nomination Form

To submit a nomination, please fill out the form below. The deadline to submit a nomination is February 27 at 11:59 pm. Please contact Neighborhood Services at (217) 403-7070 if you need assistance in filling out the form.

Nominees Information *

Earl Eugene Evans

First Last

Nominees Address *

2006 Winchester Drive

Street Address

Champaign

City

Illinois

State

61821

ZIP Code

Nominees Phone

217-359-0967

Nominees Email

[redacted]

I would like to nominate the above nominee for the following award (NOTE: only one category per nomination form): *

Business-Neighborhood Partnership ▼

Narrative *

Co-Nominator: Ruppert and Gladys Downing
217-356-4431
2004 Winchester Drive
Champaign, Illinois 61821
aprof2@att.net

Family Service

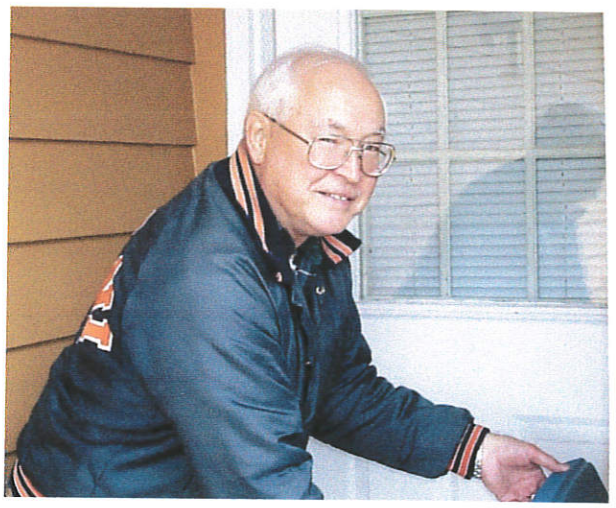
Enriching lives across the generations

Gene & Delores Evans—their love has changed a community!

Gene Evans is a delightful gentleman with an infectious smile who affectionately introduces himself as "Mr. Delores Evans". Delores started as a reassurance caller volunteer to senior clients in January of 1969. Delores also got involved in delivering Meals On Wheels through Church Women United. Gene, who at the time was a professor at the University of Illinois, served with his wife as his schedule allowed.

Delores and Gene adopted this community and made it their own. They raised their three children here, and now their grandchildren are growing up here too. Gene speaks appreciatively of their opportunities, and the need to give back. It was a creed that Delores always practiced. For instance, Delores was one of the founders of the Center for Women in Transition and their first shelter home built in 1985 is named in her honor.

Years later, when Delores was incapacitated by illness, she asked Gene and some of her close friends to fill some of her volunteer roles. Gene agreed and he enjoyed it so much that he continued serving when Delores passed on.



Gene places Meals on Wheels in a cooler

Today, Gene is retired and lives alone, but he is far from lonely. He takes his snow blower to clear neighbors' drives, and fills the bird feeders each morning. He delivers Meals on Wheels weekly, arriving early enough to help get the meals counted and ready. Gene knows where people live, their special diets and requests. He inquires about their children, pets, and health.

People smile to see Gene at the door. He also regularly helps transport seniors to the grocery store and doctor's appointments. Ever the gentleman, he opens doors and provides an escort.

Commenting on his service, Gene says, "It's become part of my social life now. We've had friends and family that have used similar services. It's a big help to them. It's a great opportunity to give back." Yes, and it's obvious that their love story lives on as Gene shares that love with our community.

(From an interview with Terry Goode, Family Service Development Director)

STAR AWARD NOMINATION
EARL EUGENE EVANS

For the Star Award, we would like to nominate the above nominee in the Neighborhood Partnership category.

Earl Eugene Evans has been living in the Southwood Neighborhood for over 45 years. With his wife, Delores and children Karen, Jim and Linda, he actively pursued reaching out to neighbors. He is never a stranger to new comers in the neighborhood. How did he do this? He did this in many ways. During the 1970's, Central Illinois had many days of snow and blizzard. One could hear Gene and Jim outside shoveling snow from the sidewalks in the early mornings of those days. Gene wanted to make sure that the children would have a safe and easy walk to Robeson School.

Whenever someone new moved in, Gene would introduce himself by putting their newspaper close to the door so that they would not have to come down all the way to the end of the driveway to retrieve the paper. (He still does that for old as well as new neighbors). On trash day, many neighbors find that their trash can has been removed from the curb, back close to the house. He also picks up debris after wind storms throughout the neighborhood. There are many acts of kindness done by him.

He has offered many times to transport neighbors who needed a ride, especially in an emergency. It did not matter what time of day or night, he was always ready to help. Gene's character is such that he can be trusted to serve guardianship over extra house keys. He cares for neighbors' pets in their absence . He has also been known to pay a forgotten power bill until the neighbor returned. Gene is especially helpful to widows and other elderly people.

Whenever you meet him, speak to him or talk with him, he is always the same . In the 45 years that I have known him, I have not observed that he had a grumpy day. His smile is always pleasantly there.

Earl Eugene Evans is the epitome of a good neighbor, good Samaritan and Star! (Service Together Achieves Results).

Mary M. Heaton
2202 Glenoak Dr.
Champaign, IL 61821

Ruppert and Gladys Downing
Ruppert and Gladys Downing
2004 Winchester Drive
Champaign, Illinois 61821

Pat Jones
1919 Winchester Dr.
Champaign, IL 61821

Norma and Dick Howard
2205 Southmoor Dr.
Champaign, IL 61821

Kishor and Kokila Joshi
2008 Winchester Dr.
Champaign IL 61821

Camilla Ashley
2204 Southmoor Dr.
Champaign, IL 61821

Jim Ramey 2207 Glenoak D. Champaign, IL

Melvin Armstrong 2205 Glenoak Dr Champ IL 61821

Brad Mehrtens 2010 Winchester Dr. Champaign 61821

Jeanne E. Smith 2012 Winchester Dr., Champaign 61821

Jeffrey Huth 2009 Winchester Dr, Champaign 61821

Dwight Vang 2007 Winchester Dr. Champaign 61821

Alfonso Castro 2208 Glenoak Dr Champ 61821

Linnea Mueller 2302 Glenoak Dr

Mike Natakas 2206 Glenoak Dr Champaign IL 61821

Pat & Kathy Gallagher 2203 Glenoak Drive Champaign, Il 61821

Nick & Dee Tsiakals 2001 Crescent Dr. Champaign IL 61821

2003 Crescent Dr. Champaign IL 61821

Donald & Marilyn Ehlers, 1506 - B Theodore Drive, C. 61821 (formerly Gene's neighbors)

Online:

City of Champaign

Neighborhood Services Department

Neighborhood Coordination

STAR

Ronald + Mar Ehlers [redacted]

1506 B Theodore Dr.