

Do Something Great Awards

The Decatur Legacy group of area nonprofit organizations presented their first Do Something Great Awards at the group's annual Legacy Luncheon for Professionals on August 25, 2005.

Guy Williams, attorney with Samuels, Miller, Jackson, & Sly of Decatur, received the 2005 Professional of the Year award. Mr. Williams was nominated for this award by Millikin University. He was commended for his professional work that has benefited Millikin, as well as local hospitals, and other nonprofits in the community.

Duane and Joan Rolf Avis received the Do Something Great Donor Award for extraordinary contributions to Decatur Memorial Hospital, as well as to Millikin, Richland, the Symphony Guild, the Decatur Area Arts Council, and St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Joan Rolf Avis served as president of the DMH volunteer organization and as one of the first women on the Decatur Memorial Foundation board of Directors.

Darrell Beck and his late wife Ursula were awarded a Do Something Great Donor Award, nominated by Millikin University. Their leadership was cited as a pillar of local philanthropy, benefiting such organizations as Millikin, Easter Seals, United Way, St. Teresa High School, Decatur Schools, Decatur Park Singers, St. Mary's Hospital, Northwest Baseball and Softball, Lincoln Theater, Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus International, and The Community Foundation.

Doug Schmalz received the Do Something Great Donor Award based on a nomination from the Boys and Girls Club of Decatur. He has served on the board of directors of that organization since shortly after coming to Decatur in 1985. He and his wife Peg have created endowment funds in The Community Foundation for the Boys and Girls Club, United Way, the Mt. Zion School Foundation, and Theatre 7.

Bob and Phyllis Schwandt received the Do Something Great Donor Award for their monetary and service contributions to Richland Community College Foundation. Mr. Schwandt served as board chairman and established The Schwandt-Albert Fund for training for Richland Community College teachers.

Decatur Legacy is a group of 45 local nonprofit groups and fifteen professional firms working together to encourage local philanthropy and charitable bequests.



Guy Williams



Duane & Joan Rolf Avis



Darrell Beck



Bob Schwandt



Doug & Peg Schmalz



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