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**DRUG FREE MARION COUNTY ANNOUNCES ANNUAL AWARDS RECIPIENTS;  
HONOREES RECOGNIZED FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE, LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT**

Five individuals have been named as Annual Awards recipients by Drug Free Marion County for their work in addressing challenges related to alcohol, tobacco or drug (ATOD) use.

The four Community Service recipients and one Lifetime Achievement honoree will be recognized during Drug Free Marion County's Annual Meeting on March 24 from 4 to 6 p.m. at North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St. The public is welcome to attend.

Community Service honorees are: Dean Babcock, associate vice president of Midtown Community Mental Health Center; Sandy Jeffers and Ivy Hogue of Pathway to Recovery; and Mary L. Walker, chair of the Public Safety and Neighborhood Health Committee for the Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations (MCANA).

The Lifetime Achievement recipient is Claudette Dailey, a private counselor specializing in addiction services and who also works with numerous area organizations.

"These five individuals have devoted an invaluable amount of time and talent while working to make Marion County a safer, drug-free community," says Randy Miller, Drug Free Marion County executive director. "Their expertise, dedication, compassion and focus have positively impacted the lives of so many Indianapolis-area residents. We welcome this opportunity to honor their achievements and thank them for their service to the community."

The Community Service awards recognize individuals who have demonstrated exemplary actions or outstanding support for initiatives that address ATOD prevention, treatment or criminal-justice issues. The Lifetime Achievement award honors an individual who, over time, has made his/her mark in community efforts to prevent or reduce the use of ATOD. Ideally, this recipient has more than 10 years of experience in his/her field.

Here is a closer look at each award recipient:

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## **Community Service Awards**

**Dean Babcock, Midtown Community Mental Health Center.** As Midtown's associate vice president, Babcock helps to run the daily operations of an organization that employs 600 and serves 15,000 annually. His duties include helping to educate law enforcement, students and healthcare professionals about the impact of addiction, as well as serving on a variety of national and statewide efforts aimed at prevention, smoking cessation, addiction-related legislation and related issues. He is a founding member of both the Indiana Addictions Issues Coalition (a grassroots effort to advocate for those living with addiction) and the Indiana Association of Substance Abuse Providers.

**Sandy Jeffers and Ivy Hogue, Pathway to Recovery.** Executive director Jeffers and assistant director Hogue stepped forward in January 2009 to assist Dove House, a 25-bed transitional housing program for chemically dependent women. Since then, both have routinely worked seven days a week to stabilize operations, implement round-the-clock structure and raise emergency funding so that Dove House can continue its services without interruption. Late last year, the pair's efforts were recognized through a Mayor's Community Service Award. Both have been with Pathway since 1994.

**Mary L. Walker, Marion County Alliance of Neighborhood Associations (MCANA).** As chair of MCANA's Public Safety and Neighborhood Health Committee, Walker works to defend the interests of Marion County neighborhoods. A regular attendee and participant at public hearings on behalf of neighborhoods and MCANA, she also has provided consistent leadership on issues relating to alcohol availability, enforcement and education.

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

**Claudette Dailey.** Dailey, a state and nationally certified addictions counselor, brings more than 14 years of experience to the clients she serves through her private practice, as well as to a variety of local organizations. At the Amani Treatment Center, she counsels addictions clients, works with education and women's groups and assists with relapse prevention, anger management and client assessment issues. Through the Ryan White Project at Gallahue Mental Health Services, Dailey helps clients living with HIV address mental-health challenges. She is a board member at Use What You've Got Prison Ministry, which provides counseling to spouses and families of inmates. Dailey also does public speaking engagements to educate the community about addiction issues. Her many past achievements include being named Counselor of the Year during her tenure as an addictions counselor and executive director of Esther's Place, Inc.

Drug Free Marion County – a not-for-profit organization – plans, promotes, implements and coordinates community efforts to prevent and reduce the abuse of alcohol, tobacco and other drugs among youth and adults