

# 2013 Awards Luncheon

## Awards Announced



At this year's Annual Conference, Lt. Governor Sue Ellspermann recognized award recipients for their impact and contributions to the improvements of the lives and communities throughout the state.

### ***This year's award winners are:***

#### **1. Lt. Governor's Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing – Rural** *Recipient: Phoenix on the Square, Paoli*

In November 2010 a massive fire destroyed the southwest corner of the town in Paoli, Indiana, creating a detrimental impact on structures dating back 150 years. In the wake of this devastating event for the community, a key local not for profit organization was able to make a lasting impact by developing a project that is not only helping to revitalize downtown economically, but also aesthetically pleasing for both residents and visitors alike.

What was once a blight on the town is now a structure that preserves the historical character of the town square. It's truly a success story and this project, Phoenix on the Square, likely would not have been possible without the leadership of Hoosier Uplands Economic Development Corporation.

Like its namesake bird, Phoenix has risen from the ashes of the November fire and has had an immediate impact on Paoli and the residents of Orange County and will continue to do so for many years to come.



#### **2. Lt. Governor's Award for Excellence in Affordable Housing – Urban** *Recipient: Myra Wilkey, YOUunity Village, Terre Haute*

YOUunity Village is deemed a premier supportive housing development that serves the most vulnerable people who had previously experienced homelessness in Terre Haute. Myra Wilkey led a team through the Indiana Permanent Supportive Housing Institute that facilitated progress and brought this development to life. She has coordinated agencies from a multi-county region to work together to end homelessness. This has involved leading local Point in Time counts, forging relationships among providers that help to eliminate barriers to vulnerable households, and offering guidance on implementing HEARTH requirements.

Myra is able to share best practices with other supportive housing developers, property managers, and service providers, enabling her efforts to extend beyond her community as others learn from her success. The State of Indiana's housing and community economic development field is positively impacted by her example of what it means to invest one's life in ending homelessness and how to make significant impact both locally and statewide while doing so.



**3. Key Award for Services Program of the Year**

**Recipient: Public Allies Indianapolis**  
(Indianapolis Neighborhood Resource Center)



**4. Robert O. Zdenek Staff Member of the Year Award**

**Recipient: David Miller, Chief Executive Officer,**  
**Hoosier Uplands Economic Development**  
**Corporation**



**5. Michael Carroll Community Economic Development Leadership Award**

**Recipient: Jack Brummett, Senior Vice President,**  
**Great Lakes Capital Fund**



**6. Community Spirit Award**

**Recipient: Cindy Taylor, Assistant VP,**  
**National Bank of Indianapolis**



The winners were selected by a panel of judges with expertise in the housing and community economic development fields. Nominees were selected by a separate committee and were judged based upon their impact, initiative, collaboration and financial soundness and creativity in furthering community economic development throughout Indiana.