

Nominee: Belva Giesing
Character Traits: Family & Kindness

In January 2008, Belva worked with her hospital organization to complete a Habitat for Humanity home in downtown Lee's Summit for a single mother and two daughters. As that project was nearing completion, Belva began to seek out opportunities to further assist the family with their new start. She sought out businesses in Lee's Summit (Cameron's & Hartley's furniture), as well as personal contacts (builders, church members and friends) to donate furniture, appliances and home furnishings (bedding, kitchenware) to make the house complete. She then personally filled the refrigerator and freezer with meat and groceries to take another stressor off of the Mother's shoulders. Belva's compassion and concern for this family did not stop there, since that time she has continued to keep in contact with the family, dropping groceries and treats and exchanging letters and photos of the children. They are now happy in their new life and for the first time, they are safe and able to thrive in a home filled with love and support.

Belva has demonstrated a life of service: as a nurse she has provided comfort and care to thousands over her 30+ year career, as an active member of the community she has participated on the Lee's Summit Healthcare Advisory Board and offers many educational opportunities to community groups through her Clinical Education specialist role at Saint Luke's East Lee's Summit, as an active member of her church she has adopted several families throughout the years providing for their basic needs, as well as those extra special requests from kids.

So many lives have been touched by Belva's kindness that it would be wonderful for her contributions to be recognized by the Community. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

Lori Rodgers