

United Way Fox Cities honors an outstanding volunteer each year. This is more than “volunteer of the year” recognition; the Volunteer Service Award is given to an individual for their years of volunteerism helping us achieve our mission of building a stronger, more caring community for everyone.

In 2008 United Way honored Dan McClone and Rick Detienne as the Volunteer Service Award recipients. The award was presented at the United Annual Meeting on February 23, 2009. Peter Kelly, President and CEO of United Way presented the award.

Volunteer Service Award to Dan McClone

Remarks by Peter C. Kelly, President and CEO of United Way Fox Cities

The first person we will recognize this evening has a very long, dedicated history of volunteerism with United Way Fox Cities. He first started working on his company’s United Way employee campaign in the 1990s. His interest in the community got him more directly involved work and in 2002 when he joined United Way Fox Cities’ board of directors. He was an important member of the board until 2007.

- In 2002 and 2003 he served on the strategic planning committee.
- In 2003 and 2004, he served on the Community Investment Committee.
- This individual was a member of the Special Projects & Initiatives committee which reviewed and recommended funding for starting the Tri County Community Dental Clinic and the Peter Street Apartment project, an affordable housing initiative of the Housing Partnership of the Fox Cities.
- In 2004, our award recipient joined the Developing Children & Youth Impact Area and was vice chair of the impact area in 2007 and 2008.
- His role as vice chair also brought with it the opportunity to serve on the Community Readiness Committee in 2007 and 2008.
- Somehow, this person was able to serve in the campaign cabinet in 2006 and 2007. And this past year he volunteered as an account representative.

Sue Thelen, from Twin Cities Catholic Education System, one of Dan McClone’s nominees, says that “Dan is a genuinely caring individual who leads by example and gives of unselfishly.”

One of the judges commented that anyone who works a full-time job, volunteers for United Way in the manner in which Dan does so (as well St. Mary’s Central High School and his parish, St. Patrick’s) ... and does this while at the same time he’s going back to school for a masters in divinity deserves sainthood, ... but we’re not capable of bestowing that honor so the Volunteer Service Award will have to do. Please join me in congratulating Dan McClone as our first honoree this evening.