

ROBINSON MEMORIAL HOSPITAL FOUNDATION

2013 Distinguished Service Award

Ruth and Dr. Glenn Saltzman

Ruth and Glenn Saltzman, Ph.D., have been dedicated to their community, both professionally and as volunteers, their entire lives. Ruth Saltzman, R.N., had a nursing career spanning 30 years, including medical/surgical nurse at a variety of hospitals and staff nurse/charge nurse on the special care unit at Robinson Memorial Hospital. She was also a hospice nurse, for 10 years, with the Portage Area Visiting Nurse Association, which later became Robinson Memorial Hospital Visiting Nurse and Hospice. Ruth has been an active member of the Portage County Medical Reserve Corps since its inception in 2001. She has assisted the Portage County Health Department in numerous influenza clinics throughout the community. Ruth was one of the founders of the Reach to Recovery program in Portage County, the first national effort to offer support to breast cancer patients and their families. She volunteers on the Portage County Bio-terrorism and Disaster Response Team and is a member of the Kent United Church of Christ and Facilitator for their external defibrillator (AED) training. She is also a former hospice volunteer.

Ruth has been a member of the Robinson Memorial Hospital Foundation Board since 1994, serving as secretary of the board for many years.

Glenn Saltzman, Ph.D., served on the Board of Trustees of Robinson Memorial Hospital Foundation from 1991 to 1996, including four years as secretary. Glenn's imagination and innovation were instrumental in leading the Foundation's special event committee. Glenn and Rosemary Rhodes created "A Day at the Races," at Sahbra Farms, raising more than \$16,000. They also developed the Foundation's "A Different Kind of Golf Outing," now in its 19th year. Since its inception, the golf outing has raised more than \$400,000 for the Foundation.

Glenn retired as Director of Basic Medical Sciences at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine in 1996. He is also an Emeritus Professor of Behavioral Sciences and has received numerous awards and recognition at the medical school. His 43-year career included 10 years as department chair at Kent State University and 40 years as a professional speaker. Glenn also retired from 32 years in the Naval Reserve, holding the rank of Captain. Over the years, he has had community leadership roles in the Rotary Club of Kent, Local PTA's, the Heart Association, the Cancer Society, United Way, Little League Baseball and Pony Tail Softball. He and Ilona Urban developed the Sister Jordan Peace Garden at Kent Social Services and he served on the charter board of the Children's Advocacy Center. Glenn earned his bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. degrees from The Ohio State University.

After chairing the Portage County Health Department Levy Campaign, he and Ruth received the first annual "Friends of Public Health" award from the Portage County Health Advisory Council. In 2008, they also received the Coleman Distinguished Community Service Award from Coleman Professional Services.

Glenn and Ruth with Rosemary and Dan Rhodes co-chaired the Robinson Memorial Hospital Jewel of Portage County Gala during its first and second years, helping to raise more than \$225,000 for oncology and for nursing education and research.

The early success of the gala has enabled it to become an annual event. Now in its eighth year, the gala has raised more than \$800,000 for a variety of hospital patient programs and services. In addition to their leadership of special events and other Foundation activities, they have also been strong donors to the Foundation for more than 20 years.

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