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DFCU Financial Branch Manager Michael Haggerty is honored as the Dearborn Education Foundation Volunteer of the Year

DEARBORN, Mich., June 2018— “Volunteering is inspiring and it’s FUN! It was great to be honored, but it’s all about helping others.” That was Michael Haggerty’s humble response to being recognized as the Dearborn Education Foundation’s Volunteer of the Year. The award was presented to Haggerty, DFCU Financial manager of the Henry Ford Hospital branch, at the recent annual Green Tie Dinner, the Education Foundation’s scholarship and awards celebration.

“Volunteer of the Year was an honor I never expected to be given. To me, time spent volunteering is done to help others, plain and simple,” said Haggerty.

Foundation Executive Director Chastity Townsend was part of the committee that selected Haggerty as this year’s honoree. “Volunteers today are valuable as they assist in the success of every non-profit organization. Without their help most organizations would not succeed. Michael was chosen based on his volunteer hours with the Foundation along with his positive, always- willing-to-help attitude.” The Foundation Board of Directors submit their nominations and then the Green Tie Dinner Committee selects the winner.

Haggerty has spent countless hours working on several fundraisers for the Education Foundation that are critical to its mission of providing classroom grants. But giving back is not new to Haggerty. “Volunteering started in my youth, when my Dad would bring me to his Lion’s Club events; I learned how to cook and wrap hot dogs at Pontiac Silverdome, shuck endless ears of corn at the State Fair, and sold candy canes all to raise funds for programs like the Leader Dogs for the Blind,” said Haggerty.

Caryn Solferino, DFCU Financial branch manager and board member of the Foundation reached out to Haggerty several years ago to help with the Mardi Gras event, one of the largest fundraisers for the Foundation, and presented him with the award.

“It was great to honor one of my own DFCU team members,” said Solferino. “The best part is that Michael’s and other volunteer efforts go directly to fund students and educators for much needed classroom and extracurricular materials on projects that would otherwise go unfunded at Dearborn Public Schools.”

Haggerty quotes motivational speaker Zig Ziglar, “You can have everything in life you want if you will just help enough other people get what they want.’ I believe this whole-heartedly and try to practice this daily at home by setting a good example for my children, at work, at my church and in the community.”

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