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### Danville Resident Honored For Volunteer Service



Naomi Mynatt (center) accepts her award from OFBCI Executive Director Isaac Randolph (left) and USA Freedom Corps Director Henry Lozano (right).

INDIANAPOLIS, IN (March 25, 2008) For volunteer Naomi Mynatt, serving at the Kingsway Community Care Center (KCCC) has been “a labor of love and perseverance” according to John Mollaun, Executive Director of the center and nominator of Mynatt for the Governor’s Volunteer Service Awards for Faith-Based volunteerism. Mynatt, a Danville resident, was honored for her volunteer service during the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor’s Conference on Service and Volunteerism in Indianapolis on March 25<sup>th</sup>. The Governor’s Awards for Volunteer Service are Indiana’s most prestigious awards celebrating the accomplishments of dedicated volunteers and

practitioners from across the State. An individual is nominated in each of the six categories of youth, service-learning, faith-based, volunteerism, national service and lifetime achievement.

Mynatt has volunteered at the Kingsway Community Care Center (KCCC) since its doors opened to patients in June 2005. KCCC is a medical and dental clinic located in Avon Ind., serving anyone without medical or dental insurance; particularly those with financial difficulty and urgent medical needs. Mynatt was the Clinical Services Manager, a position she filled as a volunteer from June 2005 until October 2007. She continued her volunteer service once the position transitioned to a paid position, allowing staff to fulfill those duties as she continued to donate her time. As the CSM, Mynatt was responsible for ensuring all aspects of clinical operations were fully operational, including completing nursing shifts for volunteers who were unable complete their responsibilities.

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Of the estimated 2400 patients seen by KCCC since it's opening, Mollaun states that "Naomi has had contact with nearly every one." "And while donated hours are not the true measure of Naomi's impact, her dedicated service has allowed her to influence, and set the example for most, if not every volunteer at the clinic," continued Mollaun. Celebrating her 79<sup>th</sup> birthday this year, Mynatt's continued service to the KCCC allows it to be a vital community resource for the residents in Hendricks County.

Mynatt joined five other Indiana award recipients recognized for their commitment to civic engagement during the award luncheon at the Governor's conference. "Generations of Hoosiers have been contributing to their communities. There is never a task too great or a job too small. As I travel our state, I am constantly reminded of the positive impact that volunteers make on the quality of life for our neighbors," said Governor Mitch Daniels.

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The Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives promotes service and volunteerism in the State of Indiana. Working together with other government agencies, AmeriCorps\*State programs, volunteer centers, and faith-based and community organizations, the OFBCI helps Hoosiers to develop and implement solutions in their own communities.