

Neighbor to Neighbor Award

Alexandria Adair, nominated by Greg Freeze, for her volunteer leadership with Youth Leadership Franklin, Franklin Rotary at Noon, Sister Cities of Franklin & Williamson County, and participation in Franklin Tomorrow Cohorts for the Healthy Democracy Project, consistently showing up to support local government initiatives and community efforts.

Chuck and Jo Ellen McDowell, nominated by Derby and Cassie Jones, for their \$100,000 donation and matching challenge to One Gen Away, supporting mobile food pantries, drive-through distributions, and home-delivery programs to feed Middle Tennessee families affected by the SNAP benefits freeze, and for their ongoing support of the Williamson County Animal Center.

Jerry Batte, nominated by Lydia Gardner, for his extraordinary volunteer service with Williamson Health, including managing the Operation Pink Chairs program for breast surgery patients, supporting Diabetes Education programs, assisting in the Gift Shop, serving on the Diabetes Advisory Committee, and contributing over 1,300 hours of service, while also volunteering with Brentwood United Methodist Church, the Franklin Visitor Center, and the Williamson County Animal Center.

Misty Westebbe, nominated by Ondrea Johnson, for her volunteer work with Friends of Williamson County Animal Center through the "Tails of Franklin" project, in which she photographed over 210 pets for a coffee table book and donated all proceeds, over \$40,000, to support animals in need, contributing countless hours scheduling, photographing, and editing as a labor of love.

Roger Walters, nominated by Ondrea Johnson, for his volunteer work with Sister Cities of Franklin and Williamson County, where he executed the twinning of Franklin with Ciudad Rodrigo in Spain and submitted grant applications, including for the Christkindlmarket. The Downtown Franklin Rotary Club, where he coordinated Animal Center teams for the DFRC Rollick and Roll games. The Hog Ball, where he managed detailed financial tracking, including ticket and T-shirt sales, helped raise over \$20,000 for area charities.