

For Immediate Release:

**Bridgeport Resident Receives  
Volunteer of the Year Award  
at The Jewish Home**



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FAIRFIELD – Ginger Speicher, of Bridgeport, received the 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award at The Jewish Home for the Elderly, Fairfield, Annual Volunteers Recognition Luncheon on 6/16/09. More than one hundred Jewish Home volunteers attended the Luncheon and many were recognized for reaching milestones ranging from 100 to 12,000 hours as volunteers.

“I was very honored to be named the Volunteer of the Year,” said Speicher. “I became involved with the Home when my parents and mother-in-law moved in. The care that they received by the staff encouraged me to volunteer. I have continued to help out in any way I can. Volunteering is my way to pay back the Home and I encourage others to join me.”

Speicher started volunteering at the Home in 1991. She enjoys spending time with residents as a Friendly Visitor, gives tours of the Home to people considering admission, and interviews individuals interested in becoming volunteers.

“Presenting the Volunteer of the Year Award to Ginger was a special joy for both of us,” said Andrew H. Banoff, President & CEO of The Jewish Home. “Ginger’s multi-faceted experience with the Home gives her an ideal background for the many roles she has as a volunteer. In addition, annually the Speicher family honors a Jewish Home Certified Nursing Assistant with the Charney Family Award, named in honor of her parents. It is therefore especially meaningful to honor Ginger.”

Caption, from left to right: Ginger Speicher, of Bridgeport, received the 2009 Volunteer of the Year Award from Andrew Banoff, President & CEO of The Jewish Home at the Annual Volunteers Recognition Luncheon, 6/16/09

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