

JUDITH C. FREY - ADVOCACY AWARD WINNER

This year's nomination form described the ideal advocacy candidate as "a woman whose bold accomplishments have resulted in increased community awareness and action on issues of social concern." That definition certainly describes the 1989 TRIBUTE Advocacy Award Winner.

For over 35 years, our Advocacy Winner has been committed to making a difference in her community. She has been an outspoken advocate for bringing understanding and compassion to issues and concerns of the community.

She began her advocacy of social issues while still in high school by becoming President of the Y-Teens of the Greater Cleveland area and focused on bringing an understanding of the problems faced by inner-city young women.

Following her Presidency of the Junior League of Grand Rapids, an organization providing advocacy training for women, she entered the political arena by running a successful campaign for election to the East Grand Rapids School Board. Her strong position in support of a holistic approach to learning propelled her to a leadership role as President of the EGR School Board.

This demonstrated leadership led to an interest and involvement in the health field. Being a board member of Mary Free Bed Hospital, Blodgett Memorial Hospital, the AIDS Foundation, Project Rehab, and the Kent County Board of Health, gave her an inside perspective on women's health issues and convinced her of the need for an increased awareness of these issues.

In particular, reproductive health and education issues were coming to the forefront of our state and nation's consciousness. Her past and present activities merged into a strong, bold stance on the need to preserve reproductive freedom for all women.

She has been at the forefront of this issue since 1983 and has been the spokesperson for the state-wide People's Campaign for Choice, handling a very controversial, risky issue with a calm, rational determination to advocate for women's reproductive freedom.

She continues in this role by serving at the state and national level through such organizations as Michigan Women's Campaign Fund, Michigan Republicans for Choice, and the Voters for Choice National Board.

Nominated by Jeanne Englehart and Deb Bailey, our TRIBUTE Advocacy Winner is **JUDITH C. FREY.**