

MARIA MARINO IDSINGA - COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNER

Our next winner in the Community Service category faced a major challenge when she became executive director of the Hispanic Center of Western Michigan. She met these challenges with great energy and vision and has been instrumental in making the Hispanic Center a vital and responsive community voice. Her successes include initiating dynamic program changes, creating a sound fiscal base for the agency, and recruiting and developing a strong board of directors.

The list of this winner's community activities is impressive.

- She is a 1989 alumni of Leadership Grand Rapids
- She is a member of the Community AIDS Council
- She is a member of the Hispanic Outreach Project Advisory Board and a member of the Hispanic In-Patient Alcoholic Treatment Advisory Board
- She has participated in several projects for the United Way, including:
 - Project Blue Print, of which she was vice-chair
 - The Hispanic Teenage Pregnancy Task Force
 - Executive Forum, of which she is a board member, and as a member of the
 - Community Problem Solving Cabinet

In addition, she is an adjunct professor in the School of Social Work at Grand Valley State University and has served as a trustee of the Michigan Women's Foundation.

Our Community Service winner is a native of Chile, and it is great good luck that her parents happen to be visiting and can be with her today.

Brian Cloyd nominated our TRIBUTE Community Service Award Winner, **MARIA MARINO IDSINGA.**