

2013 Torchbearer Recipient

Bobbie Magley

Assisting the less fortunate youth cannot be overvalued, and that is exactly what Bobbie Magley has committed her life to. Her selfless efforts have bettered the lives of families throughout her community for decades.

Over 20 years ago Bobbie established a faith based organization called Heroes Camp Inc. with her husband, Patrick Magley. Heroes Camp has provided recreational activities, mentoring, nutrition, academic assistance and counseling. Her organization lends its services to approximately 300 inner-city youth, ages 6-18, in the South Bend region each week free of charge. Bobbie founded Heroes Camp to target fatherless children, addressing issues along the lines of poverty, gang pressures, substance abuse and parental abuse.

Bobbie has taken the time to develop long-term relationships with youth in order to build up their spirits, helping establish stability and develop leaders. Taking in struggling children is another way that she has selflessly assisted the youth. Her house has served as a home to over 25 young men throughout the years.

Along with helping the youth, she also hosts workshops for single mothers with a lack of support and resources through Heroes Camp. Bobbie uses these workshops to personally provide these Hoosier mothers with cooking classes, resume building, interviewing skills and job placement. She was awarded the Dr. Martin Luther King Chairman's Award from the Indiana Civil Rights Commission and Governor Mitch Daniels for her service with Heroes Camp.

Prior to that, Bobbie was working a full time job as a fund-raiser with United Way. She became the first African American female to raise over \$1 million in funds for the Northern Chapter of the United Way. Being in an interracial marriage for over 40 years, she has fought through adversity, breaking barriers and closing social gaps. Throughout the years her message to the youth has been simple; "Your future is bright!". Bobbie Magley has dedicated herself to making that statement a reality for countless Indiana families, making her a deserving recipient of a *Torchbearer Award*.



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