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## 2010 Volunteer of the Year



The 2010 Brown County Habitat for Humanity's Volunteer of the Year recipient was Bill Walters. Bill is truly a Brown County celebrity. In 1977 he was appointed director of Indiana State Parks, receiving the Pugsley Medal in 1988 in recognition for his outstanding contributions to the Indiana state parks system.

While living in Indianapolis, wife Ann needed some country and they bought a place on Hoover Road in Brown County. In 1989 Bill was asked to come to Washington DC as Assistant Director of the National Park Service, and at that time they began their interest in Habitat for Humanity. Talent was later needed in the Pacific Northwest, and so Bill and Ann headed to Seattle. During his stint as Deputy Region Director of NPS region, Senator Patty Murray reported in the Congressional Record, "Bill represents park interests in a way that has made partners out of adversaries. You can't go very far in the Pacific Northwest without seeing examples of Bill's effective problem-solving sound stewardship."

Retirement brought Bill and Ann back to their home in Brown County where Bill resumed his involvement with Habitat. Bill has provided outstanding guidance as a member of the Construction Committee team. His administrative and negotiating talents have proved to be invaluable. Bill pursued a grant from Habitat International yielding nearly \$17,000 in softwood purchase reimbursements over the past two years. And this year he persevered through paperwork and red tape to secure a \$20,000 sponsorship from Lowe's Home Improvement Centers.

We are truly fortunate to have Bill Walters in this community and volunteering for Habitat for Humanity and salute him as our 2010 Volunteer of the Year.