

# 2013 Torchbearer Recipient - Heart of Indiana

## Nancy King

The Heart of Indiana Torchbearer Award goes to a woman who has opened her heart and mind to the needs of humanity and has demonstrated her commitment to philanthropic service, social change and the spirit of hope. Nancy King has exhibited these qualities through her passionate work within the South Bend community. For over three decades she has exercised effective leadership with numerous organizations that focus on community stability, poverty, domestic violence and education.

Nancy has worked for the YWCA for more than 20 years. Serving as President from 1999-2003 she helped lead a campaign to construct a new multimillion-dollar building to southern South Bend. This building provided state-of-the-art safe haven for victims of domestic violence and showed victims that St. Joseph County values them and was determined to assist them. Nancy has also worked to improve local education by serving on the South Bend School Board, Public Education Foundation of St. Joseph County, South Bend Redevelopment Commission and is currently the chair of the board of the St. Joseph County Community Foundation.

In 2008 Nancy helped found St. Joseph County Bridges Out of Poverty. As chair of this organization she has worked hard to raise funds to advocate for those in poverty and ultimately work to reduce the poverty rate. Bridges Out of Poverty has educated thousands of people in the community about the impact of poverty on themselves and all other community members. Bridges has empowered people by encouraging them to utilize resources and information provided by the program. Professionally, she is the Vice President and trust officer for Indiana Trust & Investment Management Co and has previously worked as Senior VP for banks. Nancy uses her expertise in the area of finance to work personally with participants, who are mostly women, offering them encouragement and financial advice.

As a South Bend native her devoted efforts to women and people in the margins of society have contributed to more equitable and humane policies within her community. She has helped create a greater understanding of the need to address the barriers that prohibit the progress of citizens. Nancy King has helped impoverished members of her community become more self-sufficient and capable of creating a better and more rewarding life for themselves and their families.

