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Summit County Officeholders Recognize Employees with High Point Awards; Heckman Honored with Cliff Skeen Award

On May 29, 2019, Summit County Executive Ilene Shapiro, Clerk of Courts Sandra Kurt, Domestic Relations Court Judges Katrina Cook and John Quinn, Engineer Alan Brubaker, Fiscal Officer Kristen Scalise, Prosecutor Sherri Bevan Walsh, Sheriff Steve Barry and Council President Jeff Wilhite gathered for the High Point Award ceremony at the Oliver Ocasek Building in downtown Akron to recognize 27 Summit County employees for their outstanding service. Each year, participating County elected officeholders nominate and select employees who consistently exceed expectations and show exemplary work to receive the County's High Point Awards.

The following employees were recognized:

Executive: Tanishia Bickley, E. Chip Clupper, Pauline Ellis, Joanne Ferree, Foster Mackey, Anthony Moore, Darlene Powell, Amy Schaefer and Faylin Thurn.
Clerk of Courts: Sandy Guy and Mary Randles
Domestic Relations Court: Marissa Suttles
Engineer: George Kamvouris, John Ketron and Sam Ross
Fiscal: Jennifer Boley, Belinda Haren and Lisa Jerin
Prosecutor: Crystal Baker, Leslie Knoblauch, Jen Watson and Carolyn Wilson
Sheriff: Jeanne Bickett, Michael Cody, Dennis Howell, Jennifer Kline and Marianne Sweeney

"Summit County is lucky to have so many dedicated and hard-working employees. Today, we honored a small portion of these employees who have demonstrated exceptional commitment to their work over the last year," said Executive Shapiro. "On behalf of the participating officeholders, I congratulate and thank each of our 2019 High Point Award recipients for making Summit County the High Point of Ohio."

The elected officeholders also honored Battered Women's Shelter and Rape Crisis Center of Summit and Medina Counties Chief Executive Officer Terri Heckman with the Cliff Skeen Lifetime Achievement Award. This award is given annually to an outstanding Summit County citizen who has dedicated a significant portion of their life to community service. Heckman's exemplary service as CEO of the Battered Women's Shelter and Rape Crisis Center, her strong passion for helping people and dedication to public service made her the unanimous choice of the Selection Committee.

"It was my honor to present Terri Heckman with the Cliff Skeen Award," said Executive Shapiro. "For over two decades, Terri has served countless Summit County residents in need of kindness and patience. I am thankful for her consistent presence in our community and her commitment to serving others."

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