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Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry Presents Chambers with the 2010 Cliff Skeen Lifetime Achievement Award

On Thursday, May 27, 2010, Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry presented Ethel Chambers with the 2010 Cliff Skeen Lifetime Achievement Award. The honor was presented during an Employee Recognition Day ceremony held in Council Chambers of the Ohio Building, located at 175 S. Main Street in downtown Akron.

"Each year, the Cliff Skeen Lifetime Achievement Award goes to an outstanding citizen who has dedicated his or her life to performing community service," stated Summit County Executive Russell M. Pry. "This year, we felt no citizen was more deserving of this award than Ethel Chambers."



Ethel Chambers is the founder of the Perkins Street Area Action Group and has played an active role since 1997. Under her leadership, the group was the first community volunteer association to obtain cell phones from the City of Akron Police Department (APD). As a result, the group formed a phone tree and recently assisted the APD in closing down a large meth house operation and apprehending members of a local auto theft ring.

In addition to fighting crime, the Perkins Street Area Action Group has successfully:

- Formed the Perkins/Arch/Leggett Youth Group
- Encouraged area teens to further their education by applying for grants and scholarships
- Improved conditions of an area park once plagued with drug paraphernalia, graffiti, litter and poor lighting
- Informed area homeless of community programs, services and resources
- Lobbied to secure infrastructure upgrades to area curbs and sidewalks
- Solicited private donations to host neighborhood cookouts in the park

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Past recipients of the Cliff Skeen Lifetime Achievement Award include: Frederick J. Krum (2009), Atha & Muriel Walker (2008), Diana Zaleski (2007), family members of Summit County government employees serving in the U.S. Armed Forces (2006), Timothy Crouch (2005), Dorothy O. Jackson (2004), Ronald Fowler and Knute Larson (2003), Art Minson (2002), Dominic Basile, Sr. (2001), Father Sam Ciccolini (2000), David Troutman (1999), Nancy Wilson (1998), Frederic L. Zuch (1997), Paul G. Swanson, P.E., P.S. (1996), Madeline Bozzelli (1995), Dr. Martha D. Nelson (1994), William Schultz (1993) and Cliff Skeen (1992).

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