

Linda Vopat given Marymount's 2016 Community Service Award

At a December 7th luncheon in Marymount Hospital's auditorium in Garfield Heights, Linda M. Vopat, director of Human Services for the city of Maple Heights, received the 2016 Marymount Hospital Community Service Award.

This award recognizes an individual who has contributed to the community through volunteer activities and major accomplishments.

Vopat has been an advocate for seniors and those less fortunate in the Maple Heights community. She oversees the Maple Heights Senior Center which delivers over 8,600 congregate



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meals and 16,820 home-delivered meals every year.

She collaborated with the Cleveland Food Bank to open a choice pantry which has distributed over a million pounds of food over the past eight years, and in April 2016, partnered with the food bank to open a mobile pantry to provide fresh produce on a monthly basis.

Her determination was never more evident than in March 2015, when she learned the Human Services program was omitted from the city budget. She sacrificed a portion of her salary, held fundraisers, applied for grants and rallied everyone to save the center until a five-year senior center levy passed.

