

## Volunteer of the Year 2011

### Quota International of Canton, Inc.

#### Judie Cohodas

Judie Cohodas, Quota International of Canton, has the true Quota spirit and is wonderful community volunteer. Her winning smile and willingness to help has made her a true recipient of Quota International of Canton, Ohio's *Volunteer of the year*.

Judie became a member in 2004, and due to her enthusiastic involvement in Quota, she has been Director; Vice President; Co-President, Chair of the Membership Committee, Chair of the Grant Committee, and Chair of the Publicity Committee. She has served on the Scholarship and Disadvantaged Women and Children Committees and participated in all fundraising events. As part of the Disadvantaged Women's and Children's committee, she introduced our chapter to ICAN Housing Solutions, where she is employed as the front desk receptionist, special projects and volunteer coordinator. She coordinated a project to gather pots, pans, dishes and all kinds of kitchen wares to stock the kitchen at Basic Accommodations, a shelter for the homeless. She was our chapter's Volunteer of the Year in 2007.

She willingly works on all the chapter's projects, but loves the service projects best. She was very excited to work with our entire chapter when we were host of the Sixth District Conference in 2010. She said, "Working with all these fine, beautiful women was a labor of love and was the highlight of my Presidency."

Judie has been a community volunteer for over almost thirty years. She was the founding President of Community Harvest, the first countywide food rescue Program in the US, where she served as President for the first six years. She was a founding member of the Celebrity Cuisine Committee, a fundraiser designed to support Community Harvest and inform the community about local hunger.

Previously she volunteered at Bethany Nursing Home, bringing religious services and comfort to the residents. As a member of Temple Israel's Board, she has served as treasurer, and collaborated in the building of the HABİYAT house with Habitat for Humanity. She is a member of NAMI, and is a strong advocate of mental health education. She also has served on the boards of Temple Israel Sisterhood, Hadassah and Women's American ORT.