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## **Jessica Oliver Receives Leader of the Year Award from Leadership Marshall County**

Leadership Marshall County (LMC), a program of the Marshall County Community Foundation and the United Way of Marshall County presented Ms. Jessica Oliver with the second **Leader of the Year Award** on May 12, 2010 in recognition of her outstanding leadership in Marshall County, her passion for community service, her ability to encourage, develop, motivate and influence people, and her ability to identify and address community problems.

Ms. Oliver currently is employed at Overmyer Soft Water as Office Manager.

LMC Class VI graduate and chair of LMC, Chris Eberly nominated Ms. Jessica Oliver for the award. Chris is owner of Eberly Investments. In his nomination he wrote: "Volunteer extraordinaire? Most definitely. Outstanding Leader? Absolutely! Also using a quote from the *The Servant as Leader* by Robert K Greenleaf, "The servant-

leader is servant first...It begins with the natural feeling that one wants to serve, to serve *first*. Then conscious choice brings one to aspire to lead. That person is sharply different from one who is *leader* first...”, “If a better society is to be built, one that is more just and more loving, one that provides greater creative opportunity for its people, then the most open course is to raise both the capacity to serve and the very performance as servant of existing major institutions by new regenerative forces operating within them”. “I could not have described what Jessica does and how she does it for our county better. Marshall County, and any organization that Jessica becomes passionate about, is definitely better because of her leadership and desire for making Marshall County the best place to live and raise a family”.

Ms. Oliver currently serves on the Board of Directors of the United Way of Marshall County. She is chair of Allocations for United Way. She is also past drive chair for the 2006 United Way Campaign. Jessica also serves as current president of Tri Kappa, Ancilla Board Member, serving on the development committee, past president of Rotary and a current member, past board member St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth Campus and past board member Marshall County Neighborhood Center. Jessica is also a graduate of LMC Class V. Jessica was instrumental in the creation of the Ounce of Prevention Fund held at the Marshall County Community Foundation benefiting the support of breast cancer awareness, research and education in Marshall County.

Jessica is a 1994 graduate of Plymouth High School. She attended Ball State University earning a degree in Marketing and a minor in Organizational Leadership in May 1998.

Jessica was the guest speaker at the LMC Class XV graduation on May 12, 2010. At the graduation she was presented with a Leader of the Year plaque of recognition by Mr. Chris Eberly, LMC board chair. She also received an award check in

the amount of \$500 for the not-for-profit organization of her choice. Jessica chose the Ounce of Prevention Fund as her designated organization.

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Attached Picture: Jessica Oliver