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Hospital patient-services coordinator received award for community work

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VILLA HILLS - Villa Hills resident Nancy Stiefvater has won Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center's Jefferson Award. Stiefvater is a patient-services coordinator at the hospital, but the award is for her community work.

In a letter to Stiefvater, Ronald McKinley, the hospital's vice president of human resources, wrote: "The impact you have had on our community as a result of your efforts makes you an outstanding choice as a recipient of the Jefferson Award."

Stiefvater does charitable work for the Vicky Staub Horwitz Foundation, Sarah House, the Cincinnati International Fiesta, the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, the Cincinnati Athletic Club, the American Heart Association and the Disabled American Vets.

ADVERTISEMENT "I have been working to make a difference for as long as I can remember and I don't know anything else," said Stiefvater. "I want our world a better place for our children and to inspire others to do the same. It's just what I do. I am passionate about it and would do more if I had the time."

Stiefvater likes to keep active. After 30 years with Delta Airlines, she retired.

"After a few weeks of retirement, I definitely knew it wasn't for me," she said. "Retirement wasn't for me because I missed the routine of going to work and the people interaction. Work helps to give you an identity."

Much of her identity comes from the charitable work for which she is known. One example is her chairing the fourth annual Vicky Staub Horwitz Swing for the Cure.

"To date, over \$50,000 has been raised for the center," she said. "The mission is not only to raise awareness about breast cancer, but also to provide funds for wigs, prostheses, and other incidentals for patients diagnosed with all types of cancer, as well as to return a sense of self-confidence and normalcy while undergoing cancer treatment."

Recently, Stiefvater has joined The Yearlings, a Northern Kentucky-based group she says is "committed to raising the maximum for charity at minimum administrative costs."

"When I am not working, I am volunteering because, as Jacqueline Onassis said, 'Anyone can make a difference. Everyone should try,' " said Stiefvater.

"And that is exactly what I am trying to do - trying to make a difference and make this world a better place."

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