

Molly Devanney of Highland Park Market Receives Chamber's 2011 Community Achievement Award

The Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce takes great pleasure in announcing that the recipient of the 2011 GMCC Community Achievement Award is Molly Devanney, VP of Highland Park Market.

Although Molly is the youngest person to ever receive this award, she has a resume that belies her age. "Volunteering is very common in my family," states Molly. "We were told at a young age that you get involved with your community because you have so much."

And following her parents' instructions, Molly remembers serving as an aid with the Lutz Children's Museum while she was in high school. She reminisces about working years ago with the young children of many Manchester families, and the kick she gets now seeing them now all grown up.

Molly talks of her days playing basketball for East Catholic High School, leaving team practice there to hurry to St. James School to assist then basketball coach, Joel Feehan, with his middle school team. She also remembers her Mom, always questioning how Molly was ever going to get her homework done!



And Molly has continued the volunteering that she started at a young age. Today she works with the July 4th Fireworks Committee, securing entertainment for the event. The Highland Park Family

Foundation, which was set up in 2003, will hold its first event, a golf tournament, this year. The Foundation will allow Highland Park Market to support charitable giving in the community.

Molly volunteers with Rebuilding Together (formerly Christmas in April) working to raise funds for the projects as well as working the day of the event. "There's no one better for this award," says Scott Garman, Assistant Recreation Director. "Molly has more energy than anyone I know. She's an 'igniter' on any committee. I would volunteer for any committee Molly works with."

Molly previously served on the St. James School Board, and can be found serving on the Boards for the Manchester Scholarship Foundation, Lutz Children's Museum, and the Mayor's Program for Children. She is a Trustee for the ECHN Women's Center for Wellness, and was recently honored as one of the Volunteers of the Year by the Manchester Community Services Council.

"Molly Devanney is one dynamic individual, she can always be counted on," says Kevin Zingler, Director of Marketing for MARC, Inc., where Molly is Co-Chair of the PR Committee. "Molly is a great reflection of her family and their dedication to the Town of Manchester. The whole family is proof that "Nobody does it better than Highland Park."

"As the youngest recipient of this award, Molly is an inspiration to young people everywhere," states Sue O'Connor, GMCC President. "It's wonderful to see someone so young so committed to her community." Molly's Dad, Tim Devanney, won this award nine years ago. Molly is truly "a chip off the old block."

And Molly's humble response when told she would receive this prestigious annual award? "But Sue, there's a million people who do more than me."



Community Achievement Award

The GMCC Community Achievement Award was established to recognize and honor individuals for their outstanding service to business and the community in Greater Manchester. Past recipients have included Dottie Cannon of Brown Sugar Catering; Marty Fins of Silk City Printing; Jonathan Daube of Manchester Community College; Dave Prindiville of Prindiville, Peracchio & Saunders; Anne Miller of Anne Miller Real Estate; Hans Weiss, Hans Weiss Fine Art Gallery & Studio; Craig Lappen, Twenty-First Century Financial Advisors; Rich Cohen, ShopRite of Manchester; John and Bernice Rieg, Shady Glen Dairy Stores; Nate Agostinelli; James McCavanagh; Tim Devanney, Highland Park Market; Bernie Apter; Laurie Prytko, MARC, Inc.; and Richard Meduski.

The GMCC Community Achievement Award is presented at its Annual Meeting held in April. For Award criteria and nomination information, contact the Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce.