

## **PRESS RELEASE-FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Circles of Mercy Honors Local Volunteers with Award...**



***Photo Caption (IMG-4401):***

***Accepting the Sister Gail Reith Volunteer Service Award from Richard Zazycki (far left), Executive Director and Sister Barbara Dudley (far right), Board Chair of Circles of Mercy, are volunteers Marilyn Hart, Richard Klee and Joanne Scheibly (center left to right) who for the past 10 years have provided the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program at Circles of Mercy.***

Circles of Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community recently presented their annual ***Sister Gail Rieth Volunteer Service Award*** to: Marilyn Hart, Richard Klee and Joanne Scheibly, all from the Rensselaer / East Greenbush area, for their volunteer work during the past 10 years for Circles of Mercy participating in the agency's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program.

Marilyn, Richard and Joanne are senior members of a volunteer staff working the VITA Program since 2004. For the past ten years this group has faithfully worked every income tax season preparing and filing returns. They have collectively donated more than 1,800 hours of volunteer service having prepared more than 3,000 tax returns, with combined refunds and tax credits totaling over \$6 Million Dollars! Funds that clients put right back into the local economy to pay off their bills. We are happy to recognize this dedicated group of individuals with our volunteer award and offer our congratulations and best wishes.

The volunteer awards were presented during "A Taste of Mercy" annual fund raising gala recently held to benefit Circles of Mercy. Circles is an out-reach center for those in need, sponsored by the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community. It was established in 1997 in the City of Rensselaer and has a sixteen-year tradition of offering programs and services to provide hope, hospitality and empowerment to individuals in the Rensselaer Community, especially women and women with children.

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