

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

### **Circles of Mercy Posthumously Honors Local Volunteer with Award**



**Photo Caption (IMG 6970):**

***Circles of Mercy recently presented posthumously its 2016 Sister Gail A. Reith, RSM Volunteer Service Award to Thomas J. Horan, for his volunteer service to the organization. Accepting the award is Mrs. Rosemary Horan (right) from Richard S. Zazycki (left), Executive Director of Circles of Mercy.***

Circles of Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community recently presented their annual ***Sister Gail A. Rieth, RSM Volunteer Service Award*** posthumously to ***Thomas J. Horan***, a local resident from Castleton for his volunteer work assisting at Circles of Mercy.

Mr. Horan who died this past Christmas Eve was one of three dear volunteers who passed away in 2015. In keeping with Circles' goal of joining those who are in need, with those who can best provide resources, volunteers like Tom partner with Circles in practicing social justice acts based on the "Works of Mercy". But most importantly Tom was our "go to person", stopping in every day to check on us. It was through Tom's commitment to Circles of Mercy which has allowed us to continue many of our important services to our client families. How symbolic it is that Pope Francis announced a Jubilee Year of Mercy back in December just prior to his passing and what an honor and privilege it is to recognize such a talented "Mercy" volunteer. Tom's lovely wife and fellow Circles volunteer; Rosemary Horan accepted the award.

The volunteer awards were presented during the "A Taste of Mercy" annual fund raising gala recently held to celebrate "Catherine's Circle of Friends" and 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 an eighteen-year tradition of offering programs and services to provide hope, hospitality and empowerment to individuals in the Rensselaer Community.

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