

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

### **Circles of Mercy Honors Senior Volunteer with Award**



***Photo Caption (IMG-3434):***

***Senior Volunteer Barbara Roy (center) of East Greenbush, accepts the Sister Gail A. Reith, RSM Volunteer Service Award from Richard Zazycki (left), Executive Director of Circles of Mercy and Kathleen Pingelski (right), Board Chair, for her volunteer work for the past 10 years for Circles of Mercy in Catherine's Closet Thrift Store - Rensselaer.***

Circles of Mercy and the Sisters of Mercy Northeast Community recently presented their annual ***Sister Gail A. Rieth, RSM Volunteer Service Award*** to Barbara Roy of East Greenbush, for her volunteer work for the past 10 years for Circles of Mercy in Catherine's Closet Thrift Store - Rensselaer.

Barbara Roy has been a senior member of the volunteer staff working in Catherine's Closet, Circles' thrift clothing shop since 2003. For the past ten years Barbara has faithfully worked every Thursday from 10am until 2pm, which means that she has donated more than 2,000 hours of volunteer service. Barbara is a good example of the Spirit of Mercy, which is exemplified by the mutual support and collaboration of the good women with whom she serves within the thrift store, as well as the countless women and children that Catherine's Closet at Circles has been able to help each day. We are happy to recognize Barbara with our volunteer award and offer our congratulations and best wishes.

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 a fifteen-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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