



**KINDERVELT** OF CINCINNATI CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER

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## THE KINDERVELT BARBARA FITCH AWARD

Dear Members,

In 2005, the Kindervelt Board of Trustees was looking for a way to recognize individuals who **exhibit an enthusiasm and positive attitude toward the goals of the organization**. Thus, the Kindervelt Barbara Fitch Award was created. This annual award was named for one of our founding members who has since become a prominent supporter of Kindervelt and the needs of Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

The Kindervelt Barbara Fitch Award committee is responsible for the selection of the recipient. This committee is composed of five Kindervelt members including; the citywide Vice President who serves as Chair, the Immediate Past President or President Elect, the Annual Meeting Chair, and two at-large members appointed by the citywide President. After all qualified nominations are reviewed and a decision made, the nominator will be contacted to ensure the recipient, along with friends and family, attend the Kindervelt Annual Meeting where the award is presented.

The committee is looking for an exemplary individual to honor, so please consider for nomination, any current Kindervelt member in good-standing with at least 5 years of service. This person should be **dedicated and committed**; one who is **an ambassador for Kindervelt in the community**, who is **an active contributor to her local group**, and who **gladly gives her time, talents and energy** to promote our cause. The nominee should **represent the true spirit of charity** as well as **embody the mantra "others before self"**.

If you know of an outstanding Kindervelt member who personifies these characteristics, please submit the *2024 Barbara Fitch Nomination Form* - found on the Kindervelt website - no later than April 15, 2024. In order to give a complete understanding of your nominee's qualifications, I encourage you to be explicit and submit feedback from multiple members to support your nomination. And as a reminder, this is a confidential process and the announcement of the winner is kept a surprise.

Thank you,

Gretchen Heltman  
Citywide Vice President



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For your information, listed below are the past Barbara Fitch Award winners:

<b>2005</b>	<b>Barbara Fitch</b>	<b>KV99</b>	<b>Kompagnon</b>
<b>2006</b>	Lin Wolf	KV16	White Oak & KV45 ...And Holding
<b>2007</b>	Ellen Jackson	KV29	Redesigning Women
<b>2008</b>	Nancy Groves-Van Buskirk	KV29	Redesigning Women
<b>2009</b>	Patty Wilken	KV49	Symmes/Off Snider
<b>2010</b>	Ginny Myer	KV8	Wyoming
<b>2011</b>	Sue Crosby	KV22	Montgomery
<b>2012</b>	Kris Neyer	KV65	Pleasant Ridge
<b>2013</b>	JoAnn Dickman	KV11	Loveland & KV45 ...And Holding
<b>2014</b>	Tracy Smith	KV57	Northeast
<b>2015</b>	Sherry Weckenbrock	KV8	Wyoming & KV45 ...And Holding
<b>2016</b>	Ruth Wiley	KV78	Eastiders & KV56 Northern Kentucky
<b>2017</b>	Marsha Bernecker	KV16	White Oak
<b>2018</b>	Mary Anne Stenger	KV45	...And Holding
<b>2019</b>	Katrina Smith	KV78	Eastiders
<b>2020</b>	Char McBrayer	KV8	Wyoming & KV22 Montgomery
<b>2021</b>	Cece Kohlman	KV16	White Oak
<b>2022</b>	Bonnie Hueneman	KV68	Westside
<b>2023</b>	Mary Beth Young	KV78	Eastiders

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