

Woman's Life Member Named 2017 Michigan Fraternalist of the Year



(Port Huron, MI) The Michigan Fraternal Alliance has selected Joyce Snodgrass, a member of Woman's Life Insurance Society Chapter 865 in Southfield, Michigan, as the 2017 Fraternalist of the Year. The award was presented at the MFA's 2017 Annual Meeting, October 5-6, at the Garland Lodge and Golf Resort in Lewiston, Michigan.

"We are proud to have Joyce receive this well-deserved recognition," said Woman's Life National President, Chris Martin. "She is a shining example of fraternalism at its very best and an excellent representative of the many Woman's Life members throughout Michigan who work tirelessly every day to improve their communities."

One project that Joyce and Chapter 865 members are especially proud of is the purchase of a van for a dear friend and fellow philanthropist who had become disabled. The purchase required raising more than \$16,000. As a result of this gift, their friend has been able to regain her independence. This project was featured in a recent issue of the Woman's Life magazine.

Joyce was also a significant force in her chapter's success in raising \$4,900 for the Michigan Women's Foundation's "Enough Said" initiative. These funds will go toward the testing of the backlog of rape kits in Wayne County and the follow-up investigation and prosecution of the assailants, ultimately strengthening the community.

"An enthusiastic supporter of Woman's Life and her chapter, Joyce is always finding creative ways to welcome new members into the group," said Julie Langolf, Director of Chapter Development and Support for Woman's Life Insurance Society. "As chapter president, her dedication to improving the lives of others inspires her chapter members and others she meets in the community."

In addition to supporting numerous charitable organizations including the American Cancer Society and the Leeway Health Education Foundation, Joyce and her Woman's



Life Chapter serve the homeless delicious homemade food at the Capuchin Kitchen in Detroit, and provide for families in need at Christmas each year.

As an integral part of The New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in Southfield, Joyce serves as Vice President for the Married Couples Ministry. She can often be found volunteering for various projects including Vacation Bible School.

The Michigan Fraternal Alliance's Fraternalist of the Year Award is presented to a Michigan Fraternalist who is an active member of a fraternal benefit society, and who has demonstrated dedication to fraternalism by participating in volunteer acts of service to the community. Visit MichiganFraternalAlliance.org to learn more.

Woman's Life Insurance Society is a non-profit fraternal benefit society founded in 1892 by Bina M. West, a young teacher from Capac, Michigan. Her mission was to provide women the opportunity to achieve financial security for themselves and their families. As a result, she founded one of the first organizations in the United States to offer life insurance to women. Today, Woman's Life remains committed to her vision, helping women and their families prepare for a secure financial future while supporting their community outreach. To learn more about the quality life insurance and annuity products offered by Woman's Life, or to learn about how Woman's Life gives to the community through the Chapter Financial Support Programs, visit WomansLife.org or call 810-985-5191.