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Foundation awards \$5,000 nonprofit service award to former ED who never took a salary

(COVINGTON, LA - May 7, 2019) The **Northshore Community Foundation** is pleased to announce that the recipient of the second annual **Dick Knight Award** for commitment to service in the nonprofit sector, is **Myrna Jordan**, former Executive Director of **Our Daily Bread Food Bank** in Hammond.

The spirit of the award is to recognize and reward Northshore nonprofit staff who have significant tenure in service-based work and have a body of accomplishments that reflect success through diligence, commitment, resiliency, vision, and excellence, and Jordan clearly exceeds those standards. She will receive \$5,000 as recognition of her commitment, service, and contribution to the hungry and ailing in our region. The award is a gift to her personally, and cannot be given back to the nonprofit she serves.

In 2001, a spry 70-year-old Myrna Jordan assumed the role of Executive Director as a volunteer. She accepted the job because she loved people and wanted to meet the needs of her community. Compensation never entered her mind. Myrna continued to serve as the volunteer Executive Director of Our Daily Bread for 17 years until her retirement in 2018, managing a staff of nine paid employees and over 400 volunteers. Because of her success, Our Daily Bread now serves as a “parent” food bank to 26 smaller, local distribution pantries; distributes 30,000 boxes of food annually with a total value of over \$2.6 million dollars; serves 14,400 children and 13,000 seniors annually; and provides food to youth programs, rehabilitation centers, homeless shelters and the local veterans home. There is no better example of commitment, servant leadership and quiet impact than Myrna Jordan who epitomizes all the attributes of this awards’ namesake.

“The Dick Knight award was such an honor to receive and so unexpected. I would like to thank the Northshore Community Foundation for recommending me for this award and especially thank them for all of the support they gave to Our Daily Bread food bank through the years. I would also like to send my personal thanks to the Knight family, Resource Bank, the Gia Maione Prima Foundation and the Fund for Bogalusa for their generous support of this gift,” said Jordan.

The award is in honor of the late Richard F. “Dick” Knight, a founding and beloved board member whose quiet, steady leadership, authenticity and commitment to service were invaluable assets to our organization. The Foundation would like to thank **Resource Bank**, the **Gia Maione Prima Foundation** and the **Fund for Bogalusa** for their contributions to making this year’s award possible.

The Northshore Community Foundation is a member-driven nonprofit organization that serves people who want guidance in giving back to their community in a meaningful and impactful way since 2007. More at NorthshoreFoundation.org

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