



7th Annual Humanitarian of the Year Award
Presented at An Evening of Note
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In 2005, Wichita physician, Dr Donna Sweet, established the Humanitarian of the Year Award to recognize leaders who make significant contributions benefitting others in the Wichita community through their guidance, philanthropic and/or selfless actions.

Dr Sweet has been recognized world-wide for her dedication, passion and expertise in providing healthcare to those living with HIV/AIDS. Preferring to bestow honors than receive them, the award that bears her name will recognize Mr. Ron Holt at the seventh annual “An Evening of Note” at the Crown Uptown Dinner Theatre on Monday, May16, 2011.

Ronald W. (Ron) Holt says he was in the right place at the right time many times in his life. Doors were opened for him and he made the most of those opportunities. He is a quiet behind-the-scenes force in making Wichita a better place for over four decades. His commitment to kids, families and his interest in improving the quality of life for all Wichitans led to his selection for this honor.

Over thirty years with KG & E provided Holt the foundation for who he is today. He moved up the ranks from Meter Reader in 1970 to eventually serve as Chairman of the Board and President. He retired from the company, now known as Westar, in 2001.

His exposure to community service began while serving as KG&E’s Personnel Representative. He took his supervisor’s position on several community-based committees, serving first on committees for United Way and the American Red Cross. This began his lifetime of giving to the community. Soon, he was involved with Kansas Big Brother Big Sisters, Boys and Girls Club of South Central Kansas, Center for Health and Wellness, and too many others to list. (A partial list of his community involvements is provided.) Holt sees volunteerism as the rent we pay for living.

In June 2002, Holt joined Sedgwick County as Assistant County Manager. His role as project leader for the Intrust Bank Arena in downtown Wichita brought his nomination to the selection committee. Fighting against the naysayers, Holt was often the front man to convince people to support the arena. Issues of safety, parking and financial accountability were challenges that Holt and others had to face.

Ron lives in Wichita, Kansas, with his wife Karen. They have a daughter and two sons; Alana, Ron Jr., and Stacy, and ten grandchildren.

His role as a servant leader has served himself and Wichita well. Come help us celebrate this capable but humble man.

This event will be hosted by KMUW radio personality, Barry Gaston, and will feature an entertainment medley of stories, songs, and music presented by Rob Simon specifically tailored to the occasion. Appetizers, dinner, drinks and dessert will be provided. Besides honoring Ron Holt, the event is a fund-raiser for the Sweet Emergency fund, which provides life saving access to services for people living with HIV/AIDS.

For ticket information and reservations, contact Margaret at (316) 293-3595.

(Tickets are \$125.00 per person)

Ron Holt's Community Investment

Kansas Big Brothers Big Sisters
Kansas Health Foundation
Midway Kansas Chapter American Red Cross
Boys and Girls Clubs of South Central Kansas
Girl Scouts of the Golden Plains
Sedgwick County Zoo
Exploration Place
Education Edge Foundation, USD 259
Go Wichita
Greater Wichita Area Sports Commission
Mennonite Housing
Center for Health and Wellness
Urban League
Chamber of Commerce
Greater Wichita Convention and Visitor's Bureau
Kansas African American Museum
Wichita Downtown Development Corp
United Way of the Plains
Wichita Art Museum
Kansas Food Bank
And too many more to list!

Holt's Awards and Honors

Velma Wallace Award for Exceptional Volunteer Leadership
 Midway-Kansas Chapter Red Cross
Distinguished Alumni Award
 Friends University
Up With People Award
 Urban League of Wichita
Community Enrichment Award
 Sedgwick County Board of Commissioners
Brotherhood-Sisterhood Award
 NCCJ Kansas Region
Outstanding Community Volunteer
 Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sedgwick County
Man of the Year
 Midway Kansas Chapter, American Red Cross
And many others