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"I hope that my actions reflect a belief that we are all connected and that each individual has inherent value. I hope to live in a community where each person knows they truly matter."

- Ann Miller Titus

Cornerstone's
Humanitarian Award
Winner

Explore Ann's artwork
and find out where she
exhibits at
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Cornerstone Honors Ann Miller Titus With Humanitarian Award

Ann Miller Titus. Wife, mother, artist, cancer survivor...Change agent? Well, yes. Throughout her professional life Ann has brought about organizational change around a recurring theme: **You matter**. Everyone matters. Each and every person's life has inherent value, not just a chosen few.

25 years ago, Ann was working as an audiologist at the Indiana School for the Deaf where at that time it was standard practice to have hearing people teach the Deaf using a signing system very different from the signed language that was used by Deaf people. There she learned from her Deaf colleagues about the nature of languages, cultures and cognition. The school was where Ann learned about minority groups, about group process, consensus building, and that everyone matters. She stood with the Deaf Community and

helped move the school in a new direction, shifting power to the Deaf. "It was a paradigm shift," says Ann. "We were one of the first schools in the nation to adopt Bilingual-Bicultural Education for Deaf children, utilizing American Sign Language and English." It was an experience that would permanently influence her work and her life.

Upon moving to Quincy in 1994 Ann became involved with Encore, which supported the Symphony Orchestra. She heard about Cornerstone when she and her husband adopted their daughter two years later, and soon after was asked to join the board. It was to be a generation of generosity: She served for 20 years.

"It would be hard to overstate Ann's influence on our organization," says Chris Parker, Executive Director at Cornerstone. "During Ann's time on the board Cornerstone completed a long list of achievements in the area of organizational development and capacity building." Initially supported by the Tracy Family Foundation, this work resulted in a name change for Cornerstone, a new mission statement, logo and set of guiding principles. Though they weren't looking for a tagline, while working on new guiding principles around shared core values, the **You Matter** brand emerged. This **You Matter** vision has guided Cornerstone since 2007. Largely due to Ann's leadership Cornerstone has worked to become a place where people know they matter by the way they are acknowledged, respected and attended to. A place that understands that hope leads to action and action leads to change. The work needed to align actions to mission has followed, including policies and procedures that are in



Ann Miller Titus

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place to this day.

Those who are familiar with Ann's artwork know that her extraordinary wall quilts are a beautiful expression of her belief that we are all connected. Ann is a well-known award-winning fabric artist in the region. It's no surprise that after learning how to stitch from her grandmother as a little girl, her talent and interest led her to quilting. A community, like a quilt, is where the many pieces come together to make a whole. Ann is currently serving on the Quincy Art Center board where they're starting to talk about inclusion and the impact the arts can have on all our community. Here she goes again, still striving to build a community that is learning and growing and hoping together.

Ann is married to Jim Titus and they have a daughter, Avery, who is 22 years old. Their experience adopting Avery has fueled Ann's interest and commitment to Cornerstone. For that we are forever grateful and extremely proud to recognize Ann, one of Cornerstone's own.

Join us as we present the Humanitarian of the Year Award to Ann on February 1, 2019 at the Dancing with Local Stars Night of Celebration!

Cornerstone Welcomes New Staff Members!



Angela Clevenger

Angela Clevenger has joined the First Steps program team at Cornerstone. First Steps is Cornerstone's Healthy Families Illinois program aimed at the prevention of child abuse and neglect. As a First Steps caseworker Angie will provide in-home parent education to first- and second-time mothers, helping them learn how to bond with and care for their newborns.

A Quincy native, Angie earned her Bachelors of Science in Nursing from Blessing-Rieman College of Nursing in 1997 and her Masters in Nursing from SIU-Edwardsville in 2007. Her past experiences include Public Health Nursing, case management, and teaching. With 20 years of experience in the healthcare field before joining Cornerstone, Angie continues to follow her passion for helping children and families thrive as a Family Support Specialist in the First Steps Program.

When she's not working Angie is kept busy with her two children, Piper and Chance, awesome kids who make being a mom fun! Angie also loves to spend time with her parents, her significant other, Greg, and a few close friends.

"Life can be difficult. Connecting families to resources that can help them be healthy and successful (while getting to play with kids every day) is the most fulfilling job I have ever had!"

Anna Keller is a Licensed Professional Counselor who is currently working toward her clinical license. A Quincy native, Anna recently graduated from Quincy University. Before her move to Cornerstone, Anna worked in a private counseling practice where she had the opportunity to help clients with a wide range of life's challenges, including a specialized focus on LGBTQ issues. At Cornerstone Anna is looking forward to again helping people from all walks of life, and especially excited about the new opportunity to work in schools and with adoptive families.

When she's not counseling, Anna enjoys making her husband laugh, having lunches with her mom, bothering her cat, doing art, and playing games (both video and tabletop).



Anna Keller

"I'm so excited to join Cornerstone and work with clients to discover their strengths and help them look for ways to empower themselves to have control over their own lives."



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To Honor Our Humanitarian Award Winner
Ann Miller Titus

Friday, February 1, 2019
6:00 p.m. Social • 7:00 p.m. Dinner

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