

Bob Westfall Named Good Neighbor for Valparaiso

The City of Valparaiso has named Bob Westfall as its very first Good Neighbor recipient, recognizing his exemplary commitment to the community. “Bob Westfall is an excellent example of the giving and community-minded people who make a difference in Valparaiso,” said Mayor Matt Murphy. “We’re pleased to recognize Bob and to shine a light on this kind of commitment through the Good Neighbor award,” he said.

Bob Westfall began volunteering at age seven when he joined the Cub Scouts on Chicago’s south side. He has been sharing his time and talents in Valparaiso since he and his wife, Pam, moved to the city in 1990. He has been active with Christmas in April, Rebuilding Together, both ValPlayso builds, Kiwanis and Hilltop House. Throughout the years, he has been instrumental in installing more than 50 wheelchair ramps throughout the community, allowing people to safely access their homes and add options for safe travel.

The Westfalls have raised two sons in Valparaiso, Thomas and Michael, before Westfall retired from NIPSCO. “Valparaiso is just such a wonderful community and it’s so heartwarming to do these things for others. I’m truly honored to be recognized in this way,” he said.

The City of Valparaiso introduced the Good Neighbor Recognition program earlier this year to promote neighborhood involvement and community service. The Good Neighbor Award will be an annual recognition. To learn more and view all 2020 nominees, visit <http://www.ci.valparaiso.in.us/1712/Good-Neighbor-Recognition>.

Caption:

Bob Westfall has been named Valparaiso’s Good Neighbor for 2020. He has been a Valparaiso resident since 1990, actively volunteering with Christmas in April, Rebuilding Together, both ValPlayso community building projects, Kiwanis, and Hilltop House. He has played an instrumental role in the installation of more than 50 wheelchair ramps throughout the community, adding safety and mobility for many residents. For more information about the award and to nominate someone for 2021, visit the Community Engagement page at Valpo.us.