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Goshen's Pottinger - Stutzman Family Receive 2014 Larry A. Conrad Civic Service Award

FORT WAYNE – The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) announced Dave and Faye Pottinger and Maija and Jeremy Stutzman were the recipients of the **2014 IACT Larry A. Conrad Civic Service Award**. This award honors the contributions made by private citizens, companies or civic organizations to municipal government. The family received their award during the Presidents' Reception, on Sept. 10, at the 2014 IACT Annual Conference & Exhibition in Fort Wayne.

Goshen Mayor Allan Kauffman nominated the family due to their untiring commitment to the city through the number of historic buildings they have renovated in order to return them to useable and functional spaces. In addition to their commitment for preserving Goshen's history, the family has also worked with the City of Goshen to add streetscape features, such as bump-outs for outdoor dining, brick planters, bike racks and more. The family gives back in other ways through regular representation on the City's downtown business improvement district board and Jeremy's service on the Goshen City Council.

"I had to nominate Dave and Faye Pottinger and Maija and Jeremy Stutzman for this outstanding award. I simply couldn't think of a better representation of private citizens who are willing to give so much to their community, so consistently, and with so much passion. Goshen is lucky to have this great family and I'm thrilled they are getting some well-deserved kudos for their dedication," said Kauffman.



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IACT Executive Director and CEO Matt Greller noted, “There is a lot of negativity that can surround government and its leaders. I love learning about families such as the Pottinger’s and Stutzman’s as a reminder that there is so much positive work going on in our cities and towns. It really goes to show that when our municipal leaders and their dedicated citizenry work together, the possibilities are enormous.”

In its 38th year, the IACT Annual Awards program, presented by Umbaugh, recognizes communities and individuals in municipal government for excellence and outstanding achievement. A nine-member panel of qualified judges selected this year’s winners from a competitive field of nominees from around the state.

The Indiana Association of Cities and Towns (IACT) is a coalition of municipal officials who seek to improve the quality of life in Indiana through effective government, and is a member of the National League of Cities. Founded in 1891, IACT is one of the oldest state municipal organizations in the country, with 470 cities and towns as members. IACT advocates for municipalities as the official voice of municipal government in Indiana, and promotes good government through education, training and leadership.

Conference Facts:

2014 IACT Annual Conference and Exhibition

September 9-11

Grand Wayne Convention Center, Fort Wayne

Attendance: 1,000 (pending final registration count)

Further information: www.citiesandtowns.org