

QI of Wooster Volunteer of the Year 2007
Karen Gilkison

After many years of working for insurance agencies in Florida and the Wayne County, Ohio area, Karen Gilkison went into partnership in 2006 with Brad Fike at The Fike Agency in Wooster, Ohio. Karen is now providing services to businessowners and individuals who need health insurance and other benefits. She helps match their exact needs with affordable coverage and continues the quality customer service she's built a career on.

It's that desire to provide service to others that has been expanded through her membership in service organizations such as Quota International of Wooster where she serves as the Community Committee chairperson, and The Exchange Club of Orrville. Through these organizations she has volunteered with People to People Ministries, The Salvation Army, the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary's Coats for Kids program and the American Red Cross at the annual Festival of Trees event, as well as helping to raise scholarship money for high school students. She also serves on the United Way Citizen's Review Committee.

Karen resides in Orrville with her husband, Bill. Karen and Bill have worked in her family's business, Keating Concessions, during the fair and festival season over the years but will be giving up the concession business this year to allow more time for travel and spending more time with family and friends.

Karen embodies the true spirit of this award. As a fairly new member to Quota, she readily jumped on board to take on committee leadership roles and actively participates in our service projects. She is a wonderful leader and role model for our club and we are overjoyed to have her as our volunteer of the year.