

## That's How It's "Dun" – Lynnette Dunham Recognized for Her Service to Dunlap

Lynnette Dunham is this quarter's recipient of DCDC's "That's How It's Dun" Award. This award is part of a community service recognition program created to honor those who go above and beyond in their volunteer service contributions to the Dunlap community.

Dunham lives just outside of Dunlap. She and her husband, Zach, have two children; Emma, age 20; and Zachary, 18. She works as an RN, BSN, CMSA Case Manager at the Burgess Health Center and Hospital in Onawa.

Dunham has donated an immense amount of time to youth activities in the area. She was a Boyer Valley soccer coach for ten years and served on the Swim Board in a neighboring community, volunteering as a timer at USA Swim Meets when necessary.

Dunham has been a religious education teacher at St. Patrick Church for thirteen years and has served as a youth ministry leader. This duty comes with a variety of tasks: helping organize trips to religious youth conferences, assisting with fundraising, serving at homeless shelters, and chaperoning trips to Christian concerts.

"These events," Dunham says, "are to enrich their faith, grow with their commitment to helping others, and knowing there are many ways to live as a Christian outside the walls of the church...so many ways to give back."

Dunham uses her influence to instill a passion for community service in area youth. Examples of this include encouraging religious education students to pick up litter at the park, send notes to the nursing home residents, and play BINGO at the local assisted living facility.

For the last 12 years, and still presently, Dunham has served as the lead of the Boyer Valley Girl Scouts program. In this role, she assists many young women with community-based projects to earn Scout awards, guiding them through the steps of writing articles, speaking publicly, and building a team to reach their goals.

"Lynnette is doing a lot more than organizing meetings and facilitating cookie sales in her role as girl scout leader," shared Jill Schaben, DCDC Executive Director. "She encourages young ladies to step out of their comfort zones and be accountable in each step of the process, no matter what the goal."

The Boyer Valley Girl Scouts are currently working toward an award achievement by organization the installation and ongoing maintenance of a community garden in town.

“I watched the group present their idea to the City Council,” Schaben continued. “They had done a great deal of research and were prepared to field questions from the Council. It was quickly apparent to me that the garden project is about a lot more than growing plants and vegetables... under Lynnette’s direction, it’s about encouraging the growth of people.”

Dunham inspires others to focus efforts on service to the Dunlap community as well.

“Jump in, do it now!” Dunham encourages. “There are so many great ways to give back to your community. Everyone has different talents and skills, and it takes everyone. When I moved to Dunlap at first, I felt lost, but then I joined the Optimist Club and I gained friends and connections. It made all the difference to me in the world. If you volunteer, especially in a youth event, those kids will remember you, they will stay connected and that is important.”



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