

## AGE OF EXCELLENCE

“Our purpose is to recognize those individuals who quietly support their loved ones and their communities through daily acts of kindness, compassion and selflessness.

They remind us, in the most fundamental way, what is most meaningful in life. They remind us that we are truly serving a higher purpose when we serve our fellow man.”

“Recognize someone you know...”

The ultimate objective of REAL Services, Inc. the Area 2 Agency on Aging, is to assist in establishing a community in which those we serve can maintain their independence to the maximum degree possible and find meaning and satisfaction throughout their lives.

REAL Services, believing in the dignity of all people, will provide services to eligible persons without regard to race, creed, sex, or national origin.

REAL Services is funded through Indiana's Family and Social Services Administration, donations, grants and contributions.



# Thanks

*A special thanks to all our sponsors that make this year's awards event possible.*

For a list of all our sponsors, visit our website at [www.realservices.org](http://www.realservices.org).

### RESERVATIONS

Additional reservations may be purchased for \$20 each.  
Call (574) 284-7108.

All nominees are invited to attend free of charge. We welcome family, coworkers and friends to attend as well; however, reservations are required. Please complete this form and submit with payment.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations  
\_\_\_\_\_ X \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to:  
**REAL Services (AOE)**  
Mail checks to:  
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c/o REAL Services, Inc.  
1151 S. Michigan, P.O. Box 1835  
South Bend, IN 46634

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### KEYNOTE SPEAKER

One room at a time, Vern Yip is designing his way across America, having knocked down walls and made over countless homes and restaurants during his four seasons on TLC's Trading Spaces, on NBC's Home Intervention and through his private practice. Vern has spread the word on digital home makeovers through AOL and worked hand-in-hand with companies such as Microsoft, Stainmaster carpet, Moen faucets, Procter & Gamble and Best Buy's Magnolia store concept. Vern's most recent projects include his own show on HGTV titled Deserving Design with Vern Yip airing seven days a week, and the upcoming fourth season of the exciting prime-time series HGTV Design Star, where he'll be helping discover America's next great design talent. You can also catch Vern on HGTV in upcoming episodes of HGTV Showdown, Bang for Your Buck and a new series titled Armchair Designer. Whatever he does, Vern's award-winning work has a distinct flair that reflects his expertise as both an architectural and interior designer.

Giving back to the community has been important for Vern. He's been involved in Ulman Cancer Fund for Young Adults, UNICEF (in training to become a UNICEF Ambassador), Atlanta Furniture Bank, Georgia Campaign for Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention to name a few.

Vern has been prominently featured in various publications such as Entertainment Weekly, People, The New York Times and USA Today. He is frequently seen on television shows such as NBC's Today, CBS' The Early Show, The Oprah Winfrey Show, CNN and Live! With Regis and Kelly.

# 2010 Age of Excellence

14th Anniversary

Keynote Speaker

**Vern Yip**  
Interior Designer



Great Hall, Century Center  
11:30 a.m.  
Thursday, May 20, 2010  
South Bend, Indiana



Area 2 Agency on Aging

## AWARD CATEGORIES

NOMINATION FORMS ARE DUE BY 4:00 pm, Friday, April 2, 2010

<b>Business of the Year</b>	A care giving agency or business that displays a commitment to the elderly.
<b>Caregiver of the Year for an Older Adult (60+)</b>	An individual who unselfishly provides unpaid care to someone who is 60 years of age or older.
<b>Caregiver of the Year for the Disabled (under 60)</b>	An individual who unselfishly provides unpaid care to someone who is less than 60 years of age and disabled.
<b>Education Award</b>	A student, classroom (Kindergarten through College), teacher or school administrator that has displayed an understanding of the value of older adults.
<b>Hoosier Lifetime Award (over 60)</b>	An individual, 60 years of age or older, who has demonstrated a lifetime of service to his or her community (paid or unpaid).
<b>Professional of the Year</b>	An individual who, throughout their career, has provided dedicated service to older adults. (ex: nurse, police officer, home health aide, doctor, etc.)
<b>Kimble Volunteer of the Year (over 60)</b>	An individual, 60 years of age or older, who has displayed a commitment to volunteerism in service to the elderly.
<b>Volunteer of the Year (under 60)</b>	An individual, under 60 years of age, who has displayed a commitment to volunteerism in service to the elderly.
<b>Volunteer Group of the Year</b>	A group of volunteers, who has displayed a commitment to volunteerism in service to the elderly.

**Send Nominations to:**

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## THE AGE OF EXCELLENCE AWARDS NOMINATION FORM

The Selection Committee will choose a final recipient based **solely** on the information you provide. You may either submit this form or the form available on our website. Go to [www.realservices.org](http://www.realservices.org) and look for the Age of Excellence logo. **The form must be submitted along with a separate page (or two) of details regarding your nominee.** Details should include:  
 \*Nominee's activity(ies) which benefited an older adult or group of older adults  
 \*The impact these activities have had on you, other individuals or the community, and  
 \*Any additional information relevant to the award.  
 (Examples include: recognitions/awards, attitude or life philosophy, commitment, how long they have been volunteering, the number of people they have served, number of hours a month they give, etc.).  
 If you have questions, please contact Tricia Gorden at (574) 284-7108 or e-mail [tgorden@realservices.org](mailto:tgorden@realservices.org).

**Award Category (check only ONE box):**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Business of the Year</b>                   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Caregiver of the Year for an Older Adult (60+)</b>    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Education Award</b>                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Caregiver of the Year for the Disabled (under 60)</b> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Professional of the Year</b>               | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Hoosier Lifetime Award (over 60)</b>                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Volunteer Group of the Year</b>            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Volunteer of the Year (under 60)</b>                  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Kimble Volunteer of the Year (over 60)</b> |   |

Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's Address \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address \_\_\_\_\_

### ELIGIBILITY OF NOMINEES

Each award category has its own guidelines for eligibility. You may review this brochure for more details. Nominees **must** live or work in Elkhart, LaPorte, Kosciusko, Marshall or St. Joseph counties.

### THE EVALUATION PROCESS

Your candidate will receive a letter notifying them of their nomination along with information about the Award process and luncheon. The Selection Committee is comprised of volunteers in a variety of related fields. The Committee reviews all nominations and determines award recipients.

### NOMINEE RECOGNITION

**All nominees will be invited to attend the luncheon free of charge and will receive a certificate acknowledging their nomination.** Each of the nine award recipients will receive a plaque in recognition of their achievement and a commemorative photograph.

**Deadline: 4:00 pm, Friday, April 2, 2010**