

# Community Recognition Award



*Pictured left to right: Karen Blocker-FCBHA Advisory Board Member, CRA Winner-Mary Ozorowski, Commissioners Vincent A. Vicites and Dave Lohr, FCBHA Administrator-David W. Rider and*

The Community Recognition Award (CRA) is given by the Fayette County Behavioral Health Administration Advisory Board and is presented yearly to a Fayette County community leader, organization, advocacy group, current or former employee or volunteer that has direct linkage to the system of care. The recipient provides positive outcomes for Fayette County residents and/or community systems of care, making a difference in the lives of people in recovery, children and adults with mental health needs, individuals with intellectual disabilities and/or on the Autism Spectrum. In the CRA nomination, the 2022 CRA winner, Ms. Ozorowski was said to have been instrumental in keeping Connellsville State Hospital in the community in the 1980's and still continues that fight. She raises money for various organizations and helps with basket raffles to help the Patriots homeless shelters. She listens to them and advises them of available programs and resources.

In the midst of a natural flooding disaster in the North Manor and Breakneck areas, she started a collection for money, food, supplies and other needed items. Currently, Ms. Ozorowski is working to obtain funding to secure a location in Connellsville to aid the homeless population and get them the mental and physical health services needed to be in a better place societally. She has helped fundraise for the Autism School and is very involved with her church choir and Sunday school. Ms. Ozorowski is said to always be there for anyone and everyone without asking for anything in return.