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Highfields Awards the Robert L. Drake Citizenship Award and the Highfields Partnership Award

Onondaga, Michigan –April 8, 2016 –Highfields has awarded the Robert L. Drake Citizenship Award to Ken and Maggie Frankland. The Citizenship Award is awarded “to individuals who through commitment of time, deeds, and leadership, have brought together many citizens from all parts of our community and engaged their talents to create special opportunities for youth and families to grow stronger, thereby enriching the fabric of our community.”

Ken and Maggie are dedicated ambassadors and supporters of Highfields. Ken served on the Board for six years and as the chair of the Board of Directors from 2010-2011. He led the charge in crafting a 5-year strategic plan for Highfields that continues as a boilerplate plan for Highfields today. Maggie has provided countless hours of her time and decorating expertise to assist Highfields’ staff in the planning of our office space.

“Ken and Maggie are wonderful examples of what it means to give back to your community and I am a better person for their influence,” said Brian Philson, President and CEO of Highfields.

The Highfields Partnership Award has been awarded to the RE Olds Foundation. The Partnership Award is awarded annually to a company or organization that has contributed to the fulfillment of Highfields’ mission.

The RE Olds Foundation has been a longtime and generous supporter of Highfields. Olds Anderson, President of Ransom Fidelity Company, was a Highfields’ board member from 1982-1988 and helped provide the initial gymnasium built on the Onondaga campus. Today, Olds’ daughters, Diana Anderson Tarpoff and Debbie Anderson Stephens and two of their children direct the Foundation.

“R.E. Olds Foundation has been a wonderful partner of Highfields,” said Philson. “Their recent support was instrumental in helping with our gym renovation project.”

The Robert L. Drake Citizenship Award and the Highfields Partnership Award will be presented at Highfields’ Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 27th at Walnut Hills Golf Club.

Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization which provides home-based counseling, residential care, and experiential education and support programs for children, youth, and families in 10 mid-Michigan counties. For more information, please visit www.highfields.org.

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