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Highfields Presents 2019 Citizenship and Partnership Award Recipients

Lansing, MI – April 8, 2019 –Highfields will present the 2019 Robert L. Drake Citizenship Award to Mark Emmert of Mason, Michigan. 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.”

Mark has gone above and beyond to advocate for Highfields. He served on the Board of Directors from 2013-2019 and as the Board Chair from 2016-2017. He dedicates his time to attend student and holiday celebrations and annual events.

“Mark’s longstanding dedication to the community has been amazing, and he gives tirelessly of his time, energy and personal resources to help children and families,” said Brian Philson, Highfields’ CEO and President.

The 2019 Highfields Partnership Award will be awarded to the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation. This award is given annually to a company or organization that has contributed to the fulfillment of Highfields’ mission.

The Joe D. Pentecost Foundation has enriched the lives of Highfields’ clients through generous support of projects like upgrading the sprinkler system to safely house students and renovating the gymnasium and locker rooms.

“Highfields is pleased to honor the Joe D. Pentecost Foundation and their legacy of philanthropy in the greater Lansing area,” said Philson.

The Robert L. Drake Citizenship Award and the Partnership Award will be presented at Highfields’ Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 24th at the University Club in Lansing.

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Highfields is a nonprofit human services organization which provides home-based counseling, residential care for young men ages 11-17, and experiential education and support programs for children, youth, and families in 13 mid-Michigan counties. For more information, please visit www.highfields.org.