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The Tribune's View

What? No more Cindy?

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The local social service scene will not seem the same without Cindy Mustard.

The 20-year director of the Voluntary Action Center will resign in October after a career in social services dating back to 1965.

Her agency crossed eleemosynary lines, working in support and recognition of many kinds of voluntarism and services to the needy. Her annual drive to donate Christmas baskets attracted area-wide attention and support. The Tribune has been pleased to collaborate with Cindy in making the annual Hero Awards recognizing volunteers for extraordinary service.

A person like Cindy Mustard does not work for personal gain. Of course she gains satisfaction from giving help, but what causes a person to remain so busy at a job like hers for an entire generation? Her own motivation is hers to know, but her friends and beneficiaries in this community are experts in evaluating her service to us all.

She can retire knowing she did a lot to help others with integrity and energy. Most of us can't say as much.

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