

Ty Ankrom's Here's What I Think ...

Nancy Moshtaghi retired from education in 2015 but she never stopped giving to the Pickaway County community.



The Ohio Educational Service Center Association recognized her contribution to the learners of Pickaway County this week when she was awarded the group's Outstanding Leadership Award at a brunch during this year's OSBA Capital Conference.

Nancy worked for the ESC for more than 25 years, starting in 1988 when she was hired as an ABE teacher. In 1999, she was named coordinator of the county's ABE (now called Aspire) program and remained in that position until she retired.

During Nancy's years as coordinator, she assisted 1,072 adults earn their GED.

By helping so many people with this accomplishment, she opened doors not only for her students but also for their families.

Adults who earned their GED were able to have better lives for their families and children who had a parent who earned a GED had a greater likelihood of their basic needs being met. These children, then, were able to better experience their own educational successes.

In a county of 55,000 residents, 1,072 adults earning a GED not only improves the family, it changes the complexion of the communities that make up the county.

Recognized by the state for her leadership abilities and knowledge, Nancy also was a peer counselor to beginning ABE directors.

Nancy's desire to work with learners of all ages

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Rick Edwards, left, OESCA president-elect, with Nancy Moshtaghi and Ty Ankrom, Pickaway County ESC superintendent, after Nancy received the OESCA's Outstanding Leadership Award.

hasn't abated in retirement. While visiting Walnut Elementary School where her granddaughter attends, Nancy ran into a friend and volunteered to help at the Teays Valley school.

"I told her 'Whenever you need me, just call,' and she did," Nancy said.

She now tutors one day a week, helping fifth-graders with math.

"I love to find out how each child learns and then work my teaching material into their learning style," Nancy said.

In addition to tutoring, Nancy serves on the Workforce Services Unlimited board of directors. This agency serves individuals ages 14 to adult with employment and job-related retraining.

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