

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact: Frances Ommani** 

Phone: 989-358-4690

Email: ommanif@nemcsa.org

NEMCSA's Heidi Powers Receives the 2024 "Rita Katzman Vision For Volunteers

Award"

## [Northeast Michigan, September 2024]

Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA) is proud to announce that Heidi Powers, FGP/SCP Project Director, has been awarded the prestigious 2024 "Rita Katzman Vision For Volunteers Award" by the Michigan Association of Foster Grandparent & Senior Companion Programs (MAFGSCP).

The Rita Katzman Award, established in 2003, is presented annually to a staff member who exemplifies dedication and vision in supporting volunteer programs. This year, Heidi Powers was selected for her exceptional leadership, positivity, and commitment to fostering participation in volunteer initiatives across Michigan.

Heidi has been an active member of the MAFG/SCP since 2016, consistently going above and beyond in her role. Whether it's through her work as Chair of the Outreach Committee, overseeing senior volunteer programs in 12 counties, or her involvement in advocacy efforts, Heidi continues to make a significant impact. Her work has been instrumental in preparing for the 2025 Older Michiganians Day, and she has been a key player in uniting agencies and volunteers to further the mission of senior volunteer programs.

At the award ceremony, MAFG/SCP Treasurer Susan Taylor of Community Action of South Central Michigan presented Heidi with the award, recognizing her incredible contributions. The nomination highlighted her tireless efforts to encourage participation, lead with optimism, and advance the work of senior volunteer programs statewide.

NEMCSA is a private, nonprofit Community Action Agency that provides many programs and services throughout its eleven northeast Michigan core counties. These counties include: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. To find out more information about NEMCSA's programs and services, please visit <a href="https://www.nemcsa.org">www.nemcsa.org</a>.



Pictured: Left, Susan Taylor, MAFGSCP Treasurer from Community Action of South Central Michigan, and right, Heidi Powers, FGP/SCP Project Director from NEMCSA.