



JANUARY GOLDEN HAMMER AWARD RECIPIENT

Paula Olsen

Hopeful, hardworking, humble, helpful, handy, and a heart of gold, with a heart for mission all describe this January's Golden Hammer award recipient: Paula Olsen.

Paula's beautiful spirit and unique set of gifts and talents are what make her so special. Her family would tell you how loving, compassionate and supportive she is. Her colleagues would describe her as smart, creative, dedicated, and she works to the highest standard.

Her church family of 33 years, Bedford Presbyterian Church, would say Deacon Paula Olsen is faithful and cares about serving and helping out wherever and whenever she can. Her friends would be happy to share about her humility, loyalty, generosity, and her cheery attitude, and always being ready to lend a hand, especially when it comes to partnering with them by providing her expertise in graphic design, writing and creating brochures and producing other cool stuff for her work, church, and for MATE (such as our year-end holiday appeal mailing)!

The Golden Hammer going to Paula is so well deserved! Besides donating her time and talent and even at times the brochures themselves, Paula and her family have been strong financial supporters of MATE. She gets MATE's vision and mission and believes in helping the underserved, housing insecure and MATE's client homeowners. Not to mention, Paula is so easy to work with, prompt and timely with her work, and is a great collaborator and is a lot of fun to be around.

We could not be more grateful for Paula's heart of gold with a heart for mission and for her partnership with MATE! You deserve this award Paula and thank you for all you do for Mission at the Eastward!



Paula Olsen (right) pictured with the former MATE Board President, Karen Hagy (middle), and Julie Palmason (left).