

Sharon Becker, RN - The 2009 HMA Wilkerson- Droege Award Recipient...

Sharon Becker is the Coordinator of the Health Ministries Program for Good Samaritan Hospital, Dayton, Ohio. In 1994, Sharon developed and implemented the Health Ministries Program to establish a wholistic wellness and prevention program in area churches. The program has grown and flourished to be the premiere health ministries program in Dayton and the surrounding area, covering multiple counties encompassing urban and rural faith communities.

She is a graduate of St. Elizabeth School of Nursing, and completed Phases I and II of Marquette University's Parish Nurse Preparation Institute in 1999 as well as the Duke Divinity School Health Ministries Leadership course, in June, '09.

Working tirelessly for HMA, time and again, Sharon has stepped up to take on strategic responsibilities where her expertise and wisdom was needed. She has served as a Board member of the Health Ministries Association (HMA) holding various offices from President, Vice President and Chair of Chapter Development and locally, was the founder of the Southwest Ohio Chapter of HMA in 1994 where she also held numerous offices. She was the co-chair of their 2001 national conference and the 2009 regional conference. Sharon continues to participate in HMA's national leadership as current Chair of Development and Funding.

As a speaker and consultant, Sharon has presented the concept of Health Ministries at local, regional and national conferences, including HMA, where she co-developed their successful pre-conference *Developing a Health Ministry in Your Congregation*. Sharon was also a contributor to the *HMA Guide to Developing a Health Ministry* and her article *HIPAA and the Congregation* was published in the *Journal of Christian Nursing*, in 2004. She has also served as a Health Ministry Development mentor to organizations (coordinators, hospitals, health departments, seminaries and universities, etc.) in Ohio, Kentucky and nationally for over 15 years.

Sharon's continued gift of servant leadership has become a significant example to many. HMA is stronger, healthier and more vibrant because of the innumerable contributions of time, talent and treasure that Sharon has given. Her vision and creativity are only outshone by her faithfulness and passion for HMA and its members.

Sharon lives in Dayton, Ohio with her husband, Larry Becker. Both Sharon and Larry are active members of their local faith community, serving as team members for their Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program. Sharon also leads the Health Ministries Commission at her church. The couple has a son, two daughters and two grandchildren.