



**IAAS Walks of Life 2001**  
**Agnes (Aggie) Mooney Hoskin**

Agnes (Aggie) Mooney Hoskin, whose great-grandparents came from Cork, graduated cum laude from Cleveland State University's College of Urban Affairs in 1989, receiving the John C. Little Award as outstanding graduating senior. She also has a master's degree in history from the University of Akron, and has had post graduate studies at the Maryknoll School of Theology in Maryknoll, New York. This year celebrating their 35th wedding anniversary, she and her husband, Tom Hoskin, are the parents of three and grandparents of two.

At one time an elementary school teacher, in 1976 Aggie became a volunteer for several years at the West Side Catholic Center (WSCC), Lorain Avenue and West 31st St., then returned in 1994 as its executive director. In the interim she was, in turn, coordinator of Clergy and Laity Concerned; staff worker with both the Salvation Army Women's and Children's Shelter and the WSCC Women's Shelter; associate director for women's concerns with the Cleveland Diocese Commission on Catholic Community Action, and director of the diocesan Office on Women in Church and Society - the first such office in the country. Next came service as administrative consultant to St. Augustine Manor and the Federation of Catholic Community Services, then as outreach coordinator for the Metro Health System's Maternity and Infant Health Care and Healthy Families/Healthy Start programs.

In 1980, for Cleveland Women Working, Aggie researched and co-authored a report on age discrimination of women in the work force, and in 1983 she was honored by the Commission on Catholic Community Action for "outstanding efforts in behalf of peace and justice." Currently she is a member of the Community of St. Malachi, the West Side Community Theater and Phi Alpha Theta History Honor Society.

Aggie's years of experience in human services and community work, especially related to areas of social and economic justice and health care for women and children, came to a climax just this past month with the opening of the WSCC's recently acquired and newly-renovated second building, providing expanded facilities and an enlarged Women's and Children's Shelter. Her oversight of this major project assures even more impact for the center's mission to meet the needs of the area's residents for food, clothing, shelter and hospitality.

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