



**IAAS Walks of Life 2005
Judge William and Judith Corrigan**

Judge William and Judith Corrigan both have been deeply involved in community service throughout the 48 years of their marriage. The former Judy Sweeney, early in her career she was a Cleveland Clinic service representative and most recently she was membership coordinator at the West Side YMCA until its closing in 2003.

A WWII veteran, with a Purple Heart, Bill became a lawyer and went into practice with his father, William J. Corrigan. Eventually he earned a master's degree and was a teacher and counselor at Glenville High School during the historic riots in that community. Next came service as a consultant to the Cleveland Diocese Commission on Catholic Community Action, then a return to law practice and ultimately a six-year term as Cleveland Housing Court judge. In 1984 he was ordained a deacon and, following service at St. Patrick Parish on Bridge Avenue, he is now a pastoral staff member at the nearby St. Colman Parish.

Longtime residents of Cleveland's near West Side, the Corrigan's either separately or together have impacted many volunteer service organizations, among them the Community Bail Fund Shelter and job search outreach, the Juvenile Intervention Program as mentors, the West Side Food and Family Services of the West Side Ecumenical Ministry, the Victims' Compensation Fund, the Cleveland Women's Ordination Conference, and work with African refugees. Furthermore, both Corrigan's have a lengthy history of involvement in the anti-war movement and the Cleveland Non-Violence Network. Their concern for others has not been totally of a "reach out" nature, however. Often it includes a "take them in" stance. To this day they continue a longtime practice of opening their home to people in needy circumstances. This is the same home in which they reared their eight children: Mark, Ann Sibula, Bill, Patty Cunningham, Mary, Kathleen Foley, Matthew, and Jennifer Truman. And it's the same home to which they welcome their 21 grandchildren.

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