

# **Mickey Taylor**

## **Recipient of the March 2011 Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award**

Mickey Taylor is a tireless volunteer who has distinguished herself as an advocate for the homeless. She serves several volunteer roles. For over seven years Mickey has served as coordinator for an Interfaith Family Shelter at [Growing Home](#). Her volunteer activities provide food, shelter, entertainment and encouragement to homeless families. Mickey's extraordinary strength as a volunteer is her ability to recruit others to efforts on behalf of the growing number of homeless families within the community.

Mickey also serves as co-chairman for the fundraising arm of Growing Home. Mickey assists with twice monthly tours that are an initial introduction to the program. It is a vehicle for people to become acquainted firsthand with the organization's services.

At her church she is a member of the Mission Committee. Mickey channels her energy assisting with food drives as well as the collection of baby supplies for a pregnant teen program. She is instrumental in the implementation of a Backpack Program that provides food for children on the free-lunch program at school. The program ensures that low-income children have food for the weekend. Backpacks filled with nutritional food are sent home with the children at the end of the Friday school day.

The Minoru Yasui Community Volunteer Award Committee recognizes Mickey Taylor for her commitment, dedication, and enthusiasm and for being an exemplary community volunteer. She has designated Growing Home as the recipient of the \$2000 award that accompanies the Award.