

The **Senior Volunteer of the Year** was presented to **William (Bill) Yaeger of Ann Arbor** . This award honors a senior citizen who has taken action to make her or his community a better place to live. Bill has spent the past 22 years as a Volunteer Counselor for the Michigan MMAP (Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program) and as a Catholic Services Tax Aide Volunteer. At age 85, he continues to lend much of his time to these efforts-often devoting 30-40 hours a week from May through November and 40-60 hours a week from November to December and February to mid-April. Over those 22 years, it is estimated Bill has helped thousands of Michigan's citizens in a variety of ways: assisting with Medicare plans and problems, applying for special low-income help programs, completing Medicaid applications, resolving medical bills, and completing yearly taxes. His life-long volunteer efforts have also included working at St. Thomas Church in Ann Arbor, Veterans Administration Hospital, Knights of Columbus, and St. Vincent de Paul Society. Bill believes everyone can benefit from volunteering and, he says, "People will miss the best part of their lives if they don't do volunteer work."