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Employee's Name: Stacey Ewell

Nominator's Name: Dennis Wolf

I am proud to nominate Stacey Ewell for the Germantown Spirit Award. I have known and worked with Stacey for several years now on many projects and found her to be a highly capable, enthusiastic, and energetic worker. She approaches her assignments with enthusiasm and brings fresh ideas to established projects and programs. For example, her work with the most recent United Way campaign made the program fun and interesting and generated exceptional employee donations for United Way. I will be forever grateful to her for organizing the after-campaign karaoke party because I got to see and hear the city administrator sing "No, no, no, no, I don't smoke it no more, I'm tired of waking up on the floor." Donating to United Way, good; seeing Patrick sing, Priceless! – and a great example of innovation and encouraging teamwork, two of the Spirit award criteria.

One of Stacey's best qualities is her infectious enthusiasm. Ralph Waldo Emerson said that "Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm." Stacey has the ability to inspire others to participate fully in projects which leads her co-workers to a greater commitment to the goal and to a better product or outcome. Her enthusiasm promotes positive attitudes and promotes acting with integrity and fairness in the workplace.

Whenever I have called administration and Stacey was filling in for Michele or Delores, she has always answered the phone professionally and with a smile that one can hear over the phone. She is respectful and listens to residents, our most important external customers, and employees, our most valuable internal customers, and works to solve problems or answer questions promptly and professionally. She has the ability to reach deep into the organization to find answers to questions and to locate resources to solve problems, thereby producing A+ results.

Stacey is always on top of events happening in Germantown and keeps staff informed of special events. She actively promotes the different departments to our external customers, and actively seeks input from the different departments to market them to the community.

~~At the Managers and Supervisors Team meeting in April, Stacey presented the Extranet.~~ Having been the person in my department who collected all of the things that Stacey wanted to place on the Extranet, I have a small appreciation for the tremendous amount of work and effort involved in collecting, converting to PDF, proofing, organizing, and presenting the output of sixteen different departments in a logically organized and easily accessible manner. Stacey tackled the project head-on, creating a new solution for an old problem which was how to make current information easily accessible to all employees. After having worked with the Intranet for years, I was initially ambivalent about the worth of the Extranet, but I am extremely pleased with the information it contains and the ease of access, and consider the Extranet to be a creative and invaluable resource.

I can think of no one more deserving of the Spirit award than Stacey Ewell, and I recommend her with enthusiasm and without hesitation or reservation.