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Male Civic Leader

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Frank Holuta: Bio

Frank Holuta was born in Indiana, Pa and raised in Clymer, Pa. He grew up as a member of the Greek Orthodox Church in Clymer, and his church and his parents promoted volunteerism from a very young age. His parents were very active in the church in Clymer, and planned dinners and events for the church pretty regularly. Holuta admits that at a young age he considered being a priest, but he then jokingly stated that black didn’t look good on him. Growing up in a small community Holuta learned that you have to rely on others at times, and that trust and responsibility is what makes a community strong.

Holuta works at Elkin hi-Tech in Indiana, Pa it is a private company which is listed under concrete mixers manufacturers. Elkin hi-Tech is a very successful company that continues to grow and prosper with Holuta at the helm. Holuta’s community service involvement spans over 30 years. His contributions to the companies and communities he’s worked with have prospered because of his leadership and vision. It’s important to understand where Frank Holuta started is grand career of giving back to his community.

One of Holuta’s first jobs was at Star Manufacturing and he was asked to lead their United Way campaign one year, and he took a new approach that would garner more employee involvement. It was one of the most successful United Way campaigns in the history of Start Manufacturing, and Frank was the backbone of the campaign that year. Holuta believes that people just need a little guidance when it comes to charity and giving back, and he started a successful string of United Way campaigns at Star Manufacturing. That year, Holuta went on to win Employee Campaign Chairman of the Year. This United Way involvement at Star launched Holuta’s love of giving back to his fellow man, and he has been a community and business leader ever since.

Holuta then went on to work with the Red Cross Foundation, and eventually became first aid instructor, a CPR instructor and then finally an instructor/trainer for first aid and CPR. Giving back to the community wasn’t enough for Holuta he wanted to be able to save their lives if they were ever injured, too. On a county level, when Holuta was living in East Pike just outside Indiana there was a plan to bring city water to the airport area because most of the town was on a well. Bringing city water to East Pike meant better water, increased fire protection and increased property value. Holuta along with East Pike residents went on a campaign to promote extending the municipal water out their way. Sure enough, Frank with the help of the community was able to get city water to the people of East Pike. Shortly thereafter, Holuta got involved with the municipal services board, and continued to work towards making his community a better place to live.

“I don’t do this for a line in my obituary, if I’m going to be involved I’m going to go to the meetings, and do the best I can to serve the cause of that organization,” said Holuta. Frank is very adamant about being involved with a whole heart, and that message has been the mantra of the Holuta family for years. Both of Holuta’s sons have been instilled with what their father was instilled with at such a young age, and that is that you can always give back and that it is important to do so. Both his boys have been very active in the community, and as kids they would go around and ring bells for the Salvation Army. This is a tradition that the Holuta family continues to do to this day. Frank has a lot of respect for the people he has worked for because they understood that it was important to give back to the community, and they gave him the ability within the workplace to go out and support events that were all about community building and unity.

After a few years spent in Pittsburgh the Holuta’s returned close to the Indiana area when Frank took a job at Polyvision in Clymer in 2001. It really got the ball rolling because at that time Polyvision was the largest employer in the county in manufacturing jobs with 350 people at its peak. Polyvision is where Holuta was approached pretty regularly about ideas that could better the community, and that ranged from adopt-a-highway to community blood drives. The employees with the ideas were in control, but Holuta backed them on almost every project that benefited the community. It wasn’t long before Clymer Borough called Holuta about trying to build a pavilion at the park in Clymer, and they were hoping Polyvision could help contribute. After speaking with the union president about Polyvision supplying the material for the pavilion could they supply the labor for the build. Holuta once again got his community to work together to create something that will benefit people for years to come.

“One of the abilities I have is being able to pull people together to achieve a goal and finish a project,” said Holuta. Frank Holuta emphasizes the fact that bringing good people together to achieve a common goal is one of the most rewarding things he’s been able to do in his life. In Indiana, Pa Holuta has made a name for himself by being so involved in every aspect of the community, which is why he is being considered for the Male Civic Leader Award. Some of the programs and committees that he’s been a part of are: Indiana County Municipal Authority Member, Chamber of Commerce Board Member (2002-2005), Indiana County Development Corporation Board Member (2002-2005), Indiana County Manufacturing Consortium Member (2003 to present), Alliance of Business and Education Leaders board member, Career Track board member and many others that he has made better with his leadership abilities.

Frank Holuta is an extremely modest man, and he is honored to receive the nomination for Male Civic Leader in Indiana County. Holuta looks at his involvement in the community as something that is just the right thing to do. He doesn’t look for anything in return, and he believes that giving back should be second nature for all who have means to do so. Frank looks forward to continuing his involvement in the Indiana community. His life has been full of giving more of himself, and now he is finally being recognized for 30 plus years of his efforts.