

## Patti Peck, Woman of the Year 2013



For the past 14 years, Patti's mission has been to serve those less fortunate. She "works" 7 days a week, 52 weeks a year. Her only "day off" is Christmas Day! Patti receives no financial compensation, and relies solely on the generosity of others and her own resources to allow her charity, "His Table" Ministries, Inc., to operate. This is an incredible feat, as she supports herself on her Social Security disability income.

A typical 5 - 6 hour day will find Patti collecting food set aside for her at 2 local supermarkets. Once her van is loaded, she visits and distributes this food to a variety of food banks, soup kitchens, churches, and homeless shelters. The value of each day's food collection is between \$2,000 - \$2,500, and her resources help out nearly 1,000 people a month!

Patti also provides for approximately 22 single mothers with 2 or more children and many senior citizens. For these families, she not only provides food, but clothing and furniture - especially baby items. Besides the material things that Patti brings to them, she also is there to listen and give advice.

Various local agencies have recognized Patti's selfless efforts. She has been named Volunteer of the Year by the American Red Cross (2010) and Citizen of the Year by the LaGrange Lion's Club (2002). Patti has received the Town of Wappinger Supervisor's Award and The Good Neighbor Award from Bugaboo Creek (2006).

Patti Peck is living proof that **"One person CAN make a difference!"**