

2012 Cornerstone Award Inductee

Angie Gottron

Angie Gottron has served as the silent-auction chair of the Gahanna-Jefferson Education Foundation (GJEF) *Celebration of Excellence* event for several years. The *Celebration of Excellence* is an annual fund-raising event that has provided more than \$1 million to support innovative projects beyond the traditional expenditures of the Gahanna-Jefferson Board of Education. Over the last decade, funds have gone toward various projects, ranging from \$300 toward special needs curriculum support materials to \$25,000 to purchase *iPads in the Classroom* devices to supplement the literacy and reading programs.

Angie has also been instrumental in soliciting many auction items, driven hundreds of miles picking up items and has spent hours creating prize packages that appeal to bidders. The Gottron family also has supported the event by hosting new patrons and securing auction items. Angie's daughter Jessi has volunteered her services and her son AJ has used his incredible art talent to create posters to promote the event.

"She has also given up her basement the last couple years to store all our auction items," Foor said. "She has championed our cause not only in word but in deed."

Gottron is currently an administrative assistant with the Gahanna Division Police and has become a valued member of their staff.