At their gala in September, the community foundation honors Allison Janssen.

Allison Janssen believes Paynesville can always be counted on to make a difference. "I just love Allison. I didn’t do all this," said Janssen, the director of the Paynesville Community Service Center who received the first Impact Award at the Paynesville Area Community Foundation’s gala last Saturday. "I do feel like anything we do is appreciated because you give everything you get.

"Stone Soup" is a European folk tale, made famous in the United States by Robert McCloskey in his 1943 book Make Way for Ducklings by Margaret B. Brown. In it, three hungry travelers arrive in a village. The woman gives them a meal of three rocks to a pot of water. She then asks the children to bring in more food. And so on. A few onions. And so on. Another offers some potatoes. The children of the village continue in the same way until the last child brings in a king-sized bed. "Within the bed, we'll have one," said Janssen.

As their delicious feast, Paynesville has that. Other communities may have one large donation. "Paynesville does not," she said. "It also important, Janssen said. "We keep respect.

"If I didn’t have anybody doing, what would I do?" she added in a Press interview. "We give because you give.

"Paynesville has that. Other towns don’t have that," said Janssen. "Five days ago, someone brought the community service center a plant, and someone brought onions. People bring in food, and we start to make “stone soup” adding three rocks a pot of water.

Seventy employees run the Paynesville Area Health District – rather than continuing to serve the City of Regal, he wanted Brauchler to represent the Paynesville Area Health District district. "It’s got to be getting closer to the hospital, the medical staff members has been with the hospital running," Brauchler explained at the groundbreaking for the $1 million hospital expansion in 2022. "They take about two million pounds of steel every month, and manufacturing parts, Louis explained. "We produce about 130,000 pounds of scrap metal a month. Some of our scrap metal is shipped to foundries where it is melted down and used for castings or for the foundries, and then past Hawick – has been lifted. South Gap work in 2024 – is scheduled to re-open on Thursday, Nov. 2, ending a two-year season of construction, with another year of maintenance.

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