

**Clete and Betty Willihnganz**  
**2004 Friends of Education**

One of the greatest gifts in life is the gift of time and the Willihnganz's have generously given their time to the youth of the Beaver Dam community. Since 1992, they have served as the co-chairs of the Alumni Fund Raising Committee for the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation. This volunteer responsibility involves maintaining an alumni mailing list for over 9,000 Beaver Dam High School graduates. The importance of their work cannot be understated for the future of scholarships for students and the Beaver Dam Scholarship Foundation. The Willihnganz's feel so strongly about education that they have volunteered their time for the past 11 years to help make the dream of post-secondary education a reality for students in the community.

Clete and Betty personalize the fund-raising effort with a special touch. They send handwritten notes expressing thanks to all donors and frequently exchange stories with alumni.

Besides all of the time and effort spent with the Scholarship Foundation, Clete and Betty also sing with the New Life Choir (providing music at funerals), Clete is part of the American Legion firing squad, both deliver Meals on Wheels, help their parish, the American Legion, and Red Cross. They are living examples of the spirit of volunteerism.