



**Blacksburg  
Rotary Club**  
Rotary International  
District 7570

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**Fredda Cromer Honored as Rotary Citizens of the Year**  
*Rotary Club of Blacksburg Presents Annual Citizen of the Year Award*

**Fredda Cromer**, the volunteer Director of the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (<http://interfaithfoodpantry.org>), has been recognized as the Rotary Club of Blacksburg's 2010 Citizen of the Year. She directs and coordinates the efforts of the Food Pantry, involving 16 local churches and hundreds of volunteers, to address a basic and vital need for approx. 800 of our most needy citizens each month.

"The presentation of the 2010 award begins the Club's third decade of acknowledgement to citizen-based leaders in our community," said Tommy Loflin, Chairman of the Club's Vocational Service Committee. "For many years Mrs. Cromer has tirelessly worked as a volunteer, leader and advocate for the hungry in the Blacksburg community. Her modesty has kept her accomplishments mostly unknown in our community except among her fellow volunteers and those that she serves."

Currently the Interfaith Food Pantry is able to provide groceries each month valued at approximately \$100 to \$200, depending on family size and food availability, to low-income Blacksburg residents or those in emergency situations.

The Rotary Club of Blacksburg's Citizen of the Year award recognizes non-Rotarians who meet the standards of Rotary International. The award recipient is a person who sees a problem, gets involved, achieves results and lives by the Rotary motto "SERVICE ABOVE SELF".

Rotary International is a global network of community volunteers united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The Rotary Club of Blacksburg ([www.blacksburgrotary.org](http://www.blacksburgrotary.org)) began in 1978 and today consists of over 100 members who meet at noon on most Thursdays at the Blacksburg Country Club.

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*Fredda Cromer, the Rotary Club of Blacksburg's Citizen of the Year, with Rotary Club President Christy Brown.*