



## Fairfield County C.A.R.E.S., Inc.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: First "I-CARE" Awards presented  
SPONSOR: Fairfield County CARES  
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Christy Fitz and Emily Hedges were presented with the first Fairfield County CARES "I-CARE Awards" on Saturday, September 19, 2009, during the FCC's "Pets and Pancake Breakfast" at Max and Erma's in Lancaster. Janice Kobi, Fairfield County CARES President/Founder, presented the awards.

Both Fitz and Hedges of Lancaster received the awards for their efforts to save a dog running from car to car on a busy street in Lancaster on August 19, 2009. They were recognized for taking time to stop and offer help as the dog would likely have been hit as drivers witnessed that day. Showing care and compassion for the dog with minor injuries is an example of the Fairfield County CARES-**ACES in Action** program. The dog without a collar was taken to a local veterinarian and later returned to its owner.

Anyone in Fairfield County or the Central Ohio area can nominate individuals for an "I-CARE Award" by going to the Fairfield County CARES website at [www.FairfieldCountyCARES.org](http://www.FairfieldCountyCARES.org) and submit a person who has helped animals in the Fairfield County community. Those who submit names are asked to write a brief summary of the event and forward it to the Fairfield County CARES email address at: [fairfieldcountycares@columbus.rr.com](mailto:fairfieldcountycares@columbus.rr.com).

The FCC "I-CARE Award" Committee will review each request for consideration for an award.

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