

# Key to the Town of Avon

## The Hodson Family

Whereas, in medieval times of England, cities were protected with high walls and locked gates and admission to the city required legal papers and payment of taxes,

Whereas, a Key to the City was given to trusted persons that were allowed to enter the city without papers or payment of a tax,

Whereas, the custom of granting a Key to the City has become a ceremonial occasion to recognize certain individuals or groups for their contribution to a community,

Whereas, the Town of Avon has established the Key to the Town award as the Town's highest honor to recognize individuals or groups that have contributed to the betterment of the Avon community,

Whereas, Rita Hodson began volunteering with Project Angel in 1998 and became President in 2003,

Whereas, Don Hodson, was a founding member of the Avon Community Heritage Festival, established Boy Scout Troop 392 in Avon and has been Washington Township Trustee since 2011,

Whereas, Don and Rita were foster parents for over forty children throughout many years,

Whereas, Don and Rita's daughter, Nikki, started helping Project Angel in 2000, started the Teen Council in 2004 and is now President of Project Angel,

Whereas, Don and Rita's sons, Nathan and David, have volunteered at Project Angel, and Nathan has coached youth sports in Avon and David was active in the Boy Scouts and became an Eagle Scout,

Now, therefore, the Town Council of the Town of Avon does hereby award the eighth Key to the Town of Avon to the Hodson Family for their service and contribution to the Avon Community.

Awarded this 18th Day of December in the Year 2014,

Marcus Turner, President

Beverley Austin, Vice President

Dave Cox

Dave Jackson

Michael C. Rogers

Attest: Sharon Howell, Clerk Treasurer