

# BX Cornerstone Award

## Cathy Blackford Named 2016 BX Cornerstone Award Recipient



For the first time since its inception, a woman has been named as the recipient of the Builders Exchange Cornerstone Award. Cathy Blackford, executive director of the Builders Exchange from 1994-2016, is being recognized for her leadership contributions to the community, the industry and the Builders Exchange. Considered to be the highest honor presented in the central Ohio construction industry, the Cornerstone Award has been given annually since 1954.

A journalism graduate of The Ohio State University, Blackford joined the Builders Exchange staff in 1980 and held several positions – including director of education, special events coordinator, director of membership services and assistant executive director – before being named executive director.

During her BX tenure, she helped launch the Builders Exchange Foundation, a 501(c)(3), tax-exempt organization which supports efforts in Workforce Development, Industry Image Enhancement, Employee Education Opportunities and Improved Industry Business Practices.

In addition to her BX involvement, Blackford has served as a board member for a number of local associations including the Ohio Society of Association Executives, Boy Scouts of America Simon Kenton Council, The Arlington Bank, OSU Alumni Association Student Loan Foundation and Leadership Columbus. She is also a longtime active member of Charity Newsies.

Blackford was selected to receive the 2016 Cornerstone Award by the BX board of directors, based on an initial review by the BX Cornerstone Award Review Committee. The recipient is chosen based on achievements in the following areas: BX Involvement, Industry Involvement, Industry Impact, Community Involvement and Years of Service to the Industry.

