

First Butler County resident to receive John Heinz award

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Jean Purvis was all smiles when the Community Health Clinic of Butler County was renamed the Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center in September 2018.

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Jean Purvis, 98, will be honored next week at Heinz Field in Pittsburgh for her longtime volunteerism.

The Butler resident will be the oldest as well as the first Butler County resident to receive the Senator John Heinz award by United Way's Tocqueville Society for her ongoing service to the community.

United Way will honor Purvis at a reception Thursday in the Steelers locker room.

In 2008, Purvis was instrumental in launching the Community Health Clinic of Butler County, which provides free medical care, basic dental care, behavioral health services, and health and wellness education to qualifying county residents.

The health clinic was renamed in 2018 to honor Purvis when the clinic became the Jean B. Purvis Community Health Center.

Purvis is also an active volunteer for several other Butler organizations, including the Butler Health System Foundation, Butler County Historical Society, Butler County Community College Education Foundation, Butler Area League of Women Voters, and Butler County Symphony Association.