

Chester County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Jordan Award for Lifelong Philanthropy
significant, comprehensive philanthropic achievements

Aaron J. Martin



In recognizing Aaron Martin's contributions to the community, co-nominators Cecy Glenn and the late Marshall Newton noted:

"Aaron Martin has devoted a significant portion of his time since taking early retirement in 1968 to improving the quality of life for residents in Southern Chester County. He has addressed many issues that are near and dear to his heart, including the needs of our youth, the protection of our environment, improving township government, and promoting the arts.

Aaron was active in the formation of the Kennett Area Park Authority and was its first chair.

As Special Gifts Chair for the Kennett Area YMCA's Capital Campaign, he was instrumental

in raising over \$5 million to build a new facility...which today serves over 10,000 community residents. When the United Way of the Kennett Area needed help, Aaron joined the Direction 2000 Task Force to examine the decline in community giving. The report called for sweeping changes that were implemented by the United Way Board and resulted in a 300% increase over the next five years. The Kennett After School Association's "After the Bell" program would not be as vital an organization it is today without Aaron's leadership as a Charter Board Member, treasurer, and teacher.

Aaron has been successful not only because of his financial generosity, but more importantly, because he has given of his time and willingness to provide leadership."