EXCEPTIONAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: Charles P. and Louise W. Baker

The Bakers have devoted 23 years of their life to the creation and building of Baker Industries, and they have done so for essentially no compensation. With their energy and ingenuity, in 1980 the Bakers created an appropriate working environment for their epileptic, learning-disabled son. But they didn’t stop there. Several moves and many expansions later, this modest nonprofit enterprise has grown to include a work site in Malvern employing 75 people and a location in Philadelphia employing more than 100 people. This includes the hardest-to-employ homeless people, and those recovering from drug and alcohol problems.

In recognition of years of dedicated service, going above and beyond their own needs and helping fill a void in the community, the Community Foundation spotlights the Bakers with this Exceptional Achievement Legacy Award. It is accompanied by a grant to Baker Industries.