

Chester County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Thanks for Caring Award

honoring outstanding commitment to neighborhoods and grassroots community philanthropy

James Ferrier of West Chester

Jim Ferrier is a lifelong resident of Chester County who has been deeply involved in a wide variety of volunteer organizations for several decades. Working with such organizations as the West Goshen Lions, the Chester County Airport Authority, Valley Forge Trout Unlimited, and the Center on Hearing and Deafness, Ferrier has dedicated countless hours of time and energy to an array of community issues, including increasing local volunteerism, raising the quality the air service to the Chester County Airport, improving area cold water streams, and improving the quality of life of those affected by vision and hearing loss.

In every one of these organizations, Ferrier rose to the key leadership role of President or Chair during his tenure. When not in the top role, he was Chair of one or more committees. Between all of these organizations, Ferrier has over 115 years of service. Ferrier tenaciously and effectively raises funds; recruits Board members; and mentors board, staff and volunteers. His community leadership has immeasurable impact.

One of Ferrier's favorite expressions, "This ain't no dress rehearsal" says a great deal about the passion and tireless work ethic with which he lives his life. "I can't just sit still and *not* do anything," says Ferrier. "There are always communities to be helped and lives to be improved."