

Chester County
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Jordan Award for Lifelong Philanthropy
significant, comprehensive philanthropic achievements

Carol Ware Gates, Ph.D. of Christiana, PA



The Jordan Award spotlights Carol Ware Gates' lifelong philanthropic achievements as a loyal friend of the region. Carol focuses her philanthropic leadership and social action in the areas of health and human services, education, history, and community building.

In the health arena, Carol serves on the University of PA School of Nursing Board of Overseers and was a member of the Idaho Commission on Nursing and Nursing Education. Her generous support of healthcare includes establishing the Marian S. Ware Chair in Gerontology in honor of her mother, at the School of Nursing and the Medical School of the University of PA.

In 2007, Carol received the President's Award for outstanding service to West Chester University. Among her numerous other awards are Arthritis Hero Award, the YMCA Volunteer of the Year, YMCA Triangle Club, and Chester County Education Foundation Award for work in special education. Carol serves on the Leadership Council for the Harvard School of Divinity. In October 2008, Carol received the University of PA 2008 Alumni Award of Merit.

As President of the 1675 Foundation, Carol further advances her commitment to improving the quality of life for individuals and families and has generously supported the region's nonprofit organizations in the fields of health, human services, history, arts, culture, education, and the environment. Carol has made special efforts to develop the philanthropic impulse in her three children, encouraging them to volunteer and donate in their early years, and involving them strategically in the family foundation decisionmaking as early as possible.

Carol takes humble pride in her role as a founding board member of the Chester County Community Foundation. Carol clearly understands and advocates for the unique role community foundations play in building legacy philanthropy, so that people from all walks of life can make a difference in their communities, now and forever. In 2006, in recognition of her stellar service, she was named an Emeritus Board Member of the Community Foundation. In 2008 she agreed to serve as Honorary Co-Chair for the Community Foundation's "Campaign for Independence II," and in the first year quiet phase of the campaign, Carol was instrumental in doubling the endowment.

In addition to her many accomplishments, Carol has provided wise counsel to scores of community organizations. Through her actions she has been a tireless advocate of public service, creating a permanent legacy of philanthropy that has touched thousands of lives. Carol Ware Gates has remembered her Chester County roots, and she has chosen to stay committed for a lifetime of philanthropic good works.