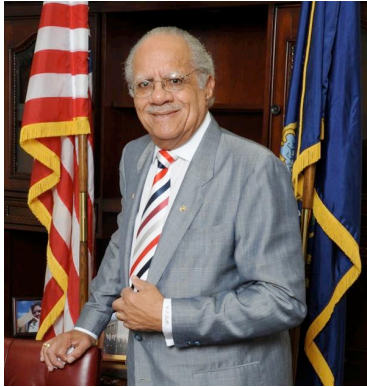


Chester County COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Door Opener Award

The Honorable Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste of West Chester



“Uplifting life through service” is the theme for the life led by the Honorable Dr. Clifford E. DeBaptiste.

The DeBaptiste family lives and runs its family business in the heart of the West Chester community, serving neighbors at the most sensitive of times. As funeral directors, services create an atmosphere authentic to each life, evoking memories and bringing comfort and joy to hurting hearts.

Dr. DeBaptiste has personally established scholarship funds and introduced families and friends to the Community Foundation. Education and scholarship funds are his hallmark. To celebrate his tenure as Mayor of West Chester, he created the Mayor

Clifford E. DeBaptiste Scholarship for a West Chester University freshman majoring in social work. The Dr. W.T.M. Johnson Memorial Scholarship awards annual scholarships to Henderson High School students. The Dr. Robert H. and Doris E. Hanna Scholarship is given to students graduating from a Chester County high school. The Alice M. Thomas Scholarship Fund pays homage to the work of this extraordinary Henderson High School guidance counselor. And Stanley’s Dream Scholarship was initiated by Dr. DeBaptiste to honor a promising youth’s life that was too short-lived. These endowed scholarships make a difference forever and help Chester County students pursue their dreams, well-equipped with a college education.

Dr. DeBaptiste is a model of community legacy philanthropy. He consistently helps others to find ways to commemorate those they hold dear, and makes a positive difference in numerous lives for perpetuity. Uplifting life through service... creating a strong community...forever.