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honoring outstanding commitment to neighborhoods and grassroots community philanthropy

Reverend Marie Z. Swayze of Phoenixville



The Reverend Marie Z. Swayze of Phoenixville has quietly helped make Chester County a better place to live and work for several decades. With her “Just DO It” philosophy, she is known for her ability to make the impossible possible.

Her work began in the 1970’s when she co-founded the Upper Main Line Recycling Center before most people were aware of what recycling meant. She helped form the Willistown Township Parks and Recreation Board of Directors, creating a park and establishing a camp there for area children. Through the

Citizens Advocacy of Delaware she helped support people with disabilities on a long term basis and also helped initiate the AAUW voter’s guide. She and her friend Lorna Steward founded The Clinic in Phoenixville, a nonprofit organization which has provided medical care to more than 51,000 people since it opened in 2002.

Rev. Swayze and her husband, Richard, live in Phoenixville. While retired from full time parish ministry, she is attached to All Saint's, Norristown, as the Assistant to the Rector and presides at traditional masses, the Contemporary Eucharist, and the Eucharist for Families with Young Children in Mind.