

THANKS FOR CARING NOMINEE: DAVID MOOBERRY OF KENNETT SQUARE

1. & 2. What community issues have been addressed by the nominee; what has been their personal involvement; and what long-term impact have they had in resolving or improving those issues? How has the nominee demonstrated philanthropic leadership to achieve lasting results?

Dave is a 30-year volunteer with the Tri-State Bird Rescue & Research. He currently serves on their Advisory Board. Due to Dave's leadership, Tri-State continues to be a leader in oil spill response and is internationally recognized for its oiled bird rehabilitation and research.

Anyone who knows Dave, knows that he is part of a team. Working side-by-side with his wife FM, Dave has supported her own environmental causes and work on native plants. FM is a world-renowned expert on native plants with numerous publications to her name. Her active roles on the Board of the Red Clay Valley Association and as Horticultural Coordinator for the Brandywine Conservancy are highly regarded throughout the community. Dave quietly supported her efforts in the background in any way he could. FM honored her husband in 2002 when a plant she had cultivated was selected as the Perennial Plant of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association. She had named the plant Phlox'David'.

In the arts arena, Dave has been a huge advocate in fund raising and managing two of Chester County's cultural entities – People's Light & Theatre Company and the Kennett Symphony of Chester County. During a recent and well-publicized time of difficulty for the Theatre, Dave served a key role in securing the future of the People's Light & Theatre Company through numerous fund raising campaigns and events. He also supported the theatre during a government investigation and successful trial. With this turmoil behind them, the Theatre continues to prove its important contributions to this community. Dave has publicly stated that the Board of Directors, staff, actors and volunteers are all committed to the future of the organization.

Dave's most recent activities with the Kennett Symphony have allowed the Symphony to look towards the future – while also "keeping the lights on". Dave, as co-chair of the long range planning committee, has been active in instigating and running an annual all-day Board retreat for the past 5 years. Out of these retreats, the Board has hired its first full-time Executive Director, explored new programming, ventured into a partnership with West Chester University regarding the Symphony's Children's Chorus, strengthened their relationship with Longwood Gardens and updated the Symphony's long range plan. He has helped guide the Board in looking towards the future of the Kennett Symphony through the formation of this annual Board planning event.

But Dave has also been crucial for keeping the current operations of the Symphony going. He has almost doubled the contributions received by the annual fund drive campaign over the past three years. As the chair of the annual fund drive, he has implemented time lines, personal hand written solicitations and personal follow-up efforts by the Board. This year, the campaign raised \$60,000 – almost 20% of the Symphony's annual budget. He has created a process that is easily implemented each year and which he hopes will continue to grow every year.