

PHILANTHROPY AWARDS

Dr. Henry A. and Barbara M. Jordan Award: Penny Wilson

The Community Foundation created the Jordan Award in 1999 to honor the philanthropy of Dr. Henry A. and Barbara M. Jordan of Chester Springs. This award annually honors an individual who has demonstrated a lifetime of exemplary philanthropic leadership. Philanthropic involvement must be broad in scope, leading to significant accomplishments that ultimately make a real difference in improving the quality of life in Chester County.

This year, the Jordan Award was bestowed upon Penelope "Penny" Wilson of Malvern, to honor her life-long, far-reaching philanthropy, particularly in historic preservation, arts, culture, health and human services. Her generosity and commitment to the community has impacted too many nonprofits to name them all.

Ms. Wilson has been a strong supporter of the Chester County Historical Society, inspiring others to give and helping to create important partnerships. In 1983 Ms. Wilson co-founded Historic Sugartown, and she has served as a member of the Board of Directors ever since. According to co-nominator John Nagy, "At Historic Sugartown she has been a driving force...with untiring devotion to our projects and strict attention to detail and authenticity."

Ms. Wilson has been an active, longstanding member of the Willistown Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the Chester County Hospital, as well as served as a member of the Hospital's Board of Directors. Notes co-nominator H.L. "Perry" Pepper, President of The Chester County Hospital, "Ms. Wilson has given generously of her time, personal resources and talents for more than 40 years. Examples of her philanthropic leadership qualities go far beyond financial generosity. They include her willingness to share her expertise with those charged with creating and sustaining fundraising projects... She has 'raised the bar' for many in our community."

Ms. Wilson chose a new initiative, the East End Neighborhood Association of West Chester, to receive the Jordan Award's \$5,000 grant. The grant will be used to develop programs for youth, with an emphasis on art, music, drama and dance to foster alternative learning styles while motivating and inspiring greatness.



JORDAN AWARD HONOREES

- 2000 Elizabeth R. Moran of Paoli
- 2001 Gordon B. Hattersley, Jr. of Berwyn
- 2002 Aaron J. Martin of Kennett Square
- 2003 Charles L. "Skip" Huston, III of Chester Springs
- 2004 Penelope "Penny" Wilson of Malvern

