

## Philanthropy Awards

### DR. HENRY A. AND BARBARA M. JORDAN AWARD

~ Carol Ware Gates, Ph.D.

The Community Foundation created the Jordan Award in 1999 to honor the philanthropy of Dr. Henry A. and Barbara M. Jordan of Chester Springs. The Jordan Award is bestowed annually to an individual who has made an enduring, long-term impact on a wide array of causes throughout Chester County; and through their leadership has given of their own time and resources, as well as inspired others to give for the long run.

The 2008 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, human services, education, environment, history, arts, culture and community building.

Carol Ware Gates grew up in Oxford and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Nursing with a B.S.N., R.N. After several years spent in Cleveland, Ohio and subsequently Boise, Idaho, Carol returned to Pennsylvania in 1986. She has dedicated her life to improving well-being in its many dimensions.

As President of the 1675 Foundation, 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 has made many of her philanthropic contributions anonymously, in an effort to maintain family privacy and fulfill her desire to undertake good works quietly. Her publicly known philanthropic accomplishments touch only the tip of a very generous iceberg.

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 Advisory Board for the Harvard School of Divinity. In 2008, Carol received the University of Pennsylvania 2008 Alumni Award of Merit.

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, Carol 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 assisted 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.

*The Community Foundation accepts nominations for Legacy Awards throughout the year. Decisions are made each summer. To receive a nomination form, contact the Community Foundation at (610) 696-8211 or [www.chescocf.org](http://www.chescocf.org).*