

A DECADE OF PHILANTHROPY *fund highlights*



HeLP FUND

Richard J. Hutton was an esteemed member of the Community Foundation Board, and he passed away on December 22, 2003. Dick's quiet wisdom and practical advice was held in high regard at the Community Foundation.

Dick had strong charitable convictions, and he said often, "My goal in life is to make all the charitable gifts that I can, so that Uncle Sam gets as little tax money as possible and my check to the undertaker bounces. I have already informed my undertaker, and he is fine with this. It is important not only to make a difference now, but to leave a lasting endowment that will continue to help people long after I'm gone."

True to his word, during his lifetime Dick established the CCCF HeLP Fund. Per his wishes, once Dick's estate is settled, the "lion's share of the remainder" will transfer to the HeLP fund, so that grants can be made to Southern Chester County nonprofits in perpetuity.

Dick spent his early childhood in Whitesbog, NJ before moving to a house on Rose Hill Road in West Grove where he would spend 67 years. Home-schooled as a young boy, he later attended the West Grove and Avon Grove schools. His studies at the University of Delaware were interrupted by a 3-year tour of duty in the Navy during World War II. Dick spent his entire professional career with The Conard-Pyle Company (Star Roses), retiring from day-to-day responsibilities as majority owner and CEO in the late 1980's. He remained involved with the company in the capacity of Chairman of the Board until the time of his death.

Dick was active with community organizations as well, serving on the Board of the Southern Chester County Medical Center. He was instrumental in the formation of Jenner's Pond retirement community, where he and his wife, Penny moved in 1997. Like his mother and wife, he was an avid supporter of the local public library. He was an active member of London Grove Friends Meeting.

Dick is survived by three sons, Steven of Pocopson, PA, John of Glendale, AZ and Jeffrey of Southbury, CT; an older brother, Robert, of Carlisle, PA; and 5 grandchildren.

At its January 2004 Board meeting, the CCCF Board of Directors passed a resolution citing Mr. Hutton's many contributions to the Community Foundation, especially in the areas of marketing, strategic planning, grantmaking, and community partnerships. But perhaps what will be most remembered is his deep compassion for humanity, his warm wit, and the twinkle in his eye.