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Four Honored by AFP of Central PA for Philanthropic Contributions!

National Philanthropy Day is observed by the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) to celebrate the contributions of those who are active in the philanthropic community. First held by AFP in 1986, now more than 250 AFP chapters across North American and internationally as well, recognize National Philanthropy Day to express appreciation and to encourage individuals, corporations and foundations to do more to improve the quality of life in our communities throughout Central PA and beyond.

Ann Myers from the Partnership for Better Health and Mary Beth Kerekes from the National Civil War co-chaired the celebration to honor four people whose extraordinary work and deeds merit special recognition, as the Association of Fundraising Professionals, Central Pennsylvania Chapter's, National Philanthropy Day 2018 awardees. Each winner receives a framed print of the Rockville Bridge painting by David Lenker. This railroad bridge spans 3,830 feet connecting both shores of the Susquehanna River. Like our honorees, the bridge makers followed their vision and helped bring the region together for the benefit of all.

The Four National Philanthropy Day winners are:

Volunteer Fundraiser of the Year honoring persons that demonstrate outstanding skills in coordinating and motivating groups of volunteers for fundraising projects for the benefit of charitable institutions.

Peg Hambrick, nominated by Sophie Penny, President of i5 Fundraising, defines the definition of volunteer philanthropist. As Chair of the State College Land Trust GreenBuild Project and GreenBuild Campaign, moving this project forward required that Peg coordinate with an array of partners including the Borough of State College, the Penn State College of Arts and Architecture, Hamer Center for Community Design/Energy Efficient Housing Research Group; Envinity, Inc. of State College, and their partners: Henry Architecture & Design, and Macht Architecture.

While she has been a generous donor of her time, talent and resources to the SCCLT, Peg had never chaired a capital campaign and for the first time she solicited a prospect for a five-figure gift. Additionally, Peg was the primary contact with the granting agency, coordinating communications, arranging site visits, and connecting with key partners.

Thanks to Peg's tireless efforts, families in State College will have access to housing that will be affordable over the short and the long term.

Jane Kohn, nominated by Beth Mihmet, Chief Development Officer of Hospice of Central PA, Jane has a long history as a volunteer philanthropist with a strong dedication to the mission of Hospice of Central PA where she served as board chair and secretary as well as of their galas and a leader in a successful capital campaign.

Her dedication to "the cause" made the renovation of "Caroline's Home", a hospice residence, a reality, providing cancer patients and their families with a peaceful and comfortable place to share their final days together. After 22 years of constant use, the home was in desperate need of major repairs. Jane oversaw the installation of new flooring, painting, the addition of new furniture and upgraded décor. Jane is not only a fundraiser but she's a planner, coordinator and influencer. Beyond HCP, Jane has served on the planning committees for the Harrisburg Symphony Society Show Houses and is very active with Theatre Harrisburg.

Jane began her working career of 25 years as a nurse in the West Shore School District. A graduate of the PA College of Health Science, Jane also volunteered numerous hours as well as supports the Alumni Association's scholarship fund. In 2017 Jane received the Distinguished Alumni Award.

Philanthropist of the Year honors an individual of with a proven record of exceptional generosity who, through direct financial support, demonstrates outstanding civic and charitable responsibility, and whose generosity encourages others to take philanthropic roles in the community.

Marion Mort who at 102, shows no signs of slowing down his commitment to the causes he loves. Mort founder of Lancaster Paper Supply Co. shares his success with organizations with dedicated to making the world a better place. Mort is a dedicated and humble philanthropist who wishes not to have contributions in reflected in dollars donated, but rather in lives changed. Mort once said, "I know in my passing that I will soon be forgotten, but I hope that my efforts in trying to give some help to the less fortunate will be remembered and appreciated, and I am leaving with a mark of betterment."

Mort has been a generous philanthropist, making significant contributions to: Shriners Hospital for Children in Philadelphia, Elks National Foundation, Lions Club International Foundation, VisionCorps Foundation and the Kay Masci Fund for Early Childhood Education, while also supporting programs for children who are visually impaired and disadvantaged.

His wife and 72-year partner Louise passed away in 2013, but her memory lives on with him and his two children, and his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

The Professional Fundraiser of the Year recognizes an outstanding fundraising executive who practices the profession in an exemplary way.

Janice Black President & CEO of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities (TFEC) since 1994, has taken a “sleepy” community foundation to become a philanthropic model in the nation. Janice has proven to be not only an effective fundraiser, but a dynamic force in changing the vision of the greater philanthropic community.

Janice saw the benefit of forging many smaller foundations, individuals and corporations together under one umbrella to support nonprofit agencies and initiatives dedicated to making the lives of everyone in the region better and more productive.

Janice has not only changed the face of giving but has created options for philanthropists to target their giving and make a stronger impact. Building the assets of TFEC to nearly 84 million dollars across a variety of funds that meet the donor interests and capacities in Greater Harrisburg, Franklin, Perry, Lebanon, Cumberland counties as well as the communities of Camp Hill, Mechanicsburg, Millersburg and Dillsburg to bring about real change. Janice is also credited with creating legacy programs within TFEC like the “Emerging Philanthropists” and “Women’s Fund”, giving young people and women the opportunity to focus their efforts on projects that speak to them.

Janice also shares her knowledge and skill with a variety of professional organizations: Estate Planning Council, the National Standards Board, Bd. Member and past chair of Delta Dental, and on Elizabethtown College Leadership Council. Her commitment to philanthropy and generosity is evidenced through her service as the District of PA Governor for Rotary International, board member of UPMC Pinnacle Foundation, Dixon University, Open Stage, and the CPARC Foundation. Janice is also very active in her church leadership as Lay Reader, Altar Guild, and Vestry Member.

Janice’s impact in the community and region will be felt for many years.

All four of the National Philanthropy Day awardees serve as role models, demonstrating how each of can help identify community needs and support meaningful programs that meet those needs.

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