THE CHARLES A. RODEFELD AWARD

For Leadership in Philanthropy and the Community

ABOUT THE AWARD

The Charles A. Rodefeld Award for Leadership in Philanthropy and the Community honors a man who was not widely known as a philanthropist or worker for non-profit organizations. He was, instead, a person who moved quietly but steadily to help meet community needs. The Rodefeld Award seeks to recognize Wayne County citizens and/or companies who have been there when agencies or organizations most needed them, who served faithfully and well, though without fanfare, and who have provided leadership and significant financial support over the years. To qualify for the Charles A. Rodefeld Award, an individual, corporation, or organization must have demonstrated exceptional leadership and innovative commitment to addressing a community concern or a dedication to improving the effectiveness of an existing charitable institution while maintaining an attitude of humility. Evidence of achievement must be demonstrated by gifts of volunteer leadership and significant personal/corporate resources.

PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS

1994 - Charles A. Rodefeld
1995 - Robert W. Rosa
1996 - J. Ross and Natalie Harrington
1997 - Kathleen Postle
1998 - Becky Rosa
1999 - John M. Harlan
2000 - Jim and Helen Cope
2001 - William R. Niersbach
2002 - Victor R. Jose
2003 - Donald C. McCullough
2004 - Tom and Claire Ann Milligan
2005 - Inezetta Stiver
2006 - Paul Lingle
2007 - Andy Cecere
2008 - Albert Gentry
2009 - Jon Ford
2010 - David and Carla Stidham
2011 - Richard "Jeff" Jeffers
2012 - Cheri Jetmore
2013 - Father John Luerman
2014 - Dr. Frank and Mrs. Mary Alice Adney
2015 - Jack and Debra Edelman
2016 - Ray Ontko
2017 - Ginger Gray
2018 - George Schmid