

**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**

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| 1994 - Charles A. Rodefeld            | 2007 - Andy Cecere                         |
| 1995 - Robert W. Rosa                 | 2008 - Albert Gentry                       |
| 1996 - J. Ross and Natalie Harrington | 2009 - Jon Ford                            |
| 1997 - Kathleen Postle                | 2010 - David and Carla Stidham             |
| 1998 - Becky Rosa                     | 2011 - Richard "Jeff" Jeffers              |
| 1999 - John M. Harlan                 | 2012 - Cheri Jetmore                       |
| 2000 - Jim and Helen Cope             | 2013 - Father John Luerman                 |
| 2001 - William R. Niersbach           | 2014 - Dr. Frank and Mrs. Mary Alice Adney |
| 2002 - Victor R. Jose                 | 2015 - Jack and Debra Edelman              |
| 2003 - Donald C. McCullough           | 2016 - Ray Ontko                           |
| 2004 - Tom and Claire Ann Milligan    | 2017 - Ginger Gray                         |
| 2005 - Inezetta Stiver                | 2018 - George Schmid                       |
| 2006 - Paul Lingle                    | 2019 - Rick Ahaus                          |

**THE RUTH J WICKEMEYER AWARD**

**For Community Service**

**ABOUT THE AWARD**

Named for the Foundation's first Executive Director, this award recognizes paid or volunteer not-for-profit leaders who personify exceptional service to others in the name of community progress. Ruth is perhaps best remembered for maintaining the highest ethical standards and expressing true appreciation for even the smallest contributions.

Candidates must demonstrate a history of significant service in the Wayne County not-for-profit community, an unswerving commitment to the highest ethical standards, and evidence of articulating a vision for community improvement by their leadership and/or significant accomplishments.

**PREVIOUS AWARD RECIPIENTS**

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| 2006 - Pat Bowers, Easter Seals                                |
| 2007 - Wilbur "Rody" Rodenberg, Achieva Resources              |
| 2008 - Dr. James Daggy, Boys and Girls Club                    |
| 2009 - Betty Mark, NAMI  |
| 2010 - Alan Spears, Cope Environmental Center                  |
| 2011 - David Nixon, Boy Scouts                                 |
| 2012 - Jill King, Cambridge City First United Methodist Church |
| 2013 - Penn Ansorg, Morrisson-Reeves Library                   |
| 2014 - Aileen Wickett Harris, St. Paul's Episcopal Church      |
| 2015 - Karole Passmore, Second Helpings                        |
| 2016 - Mark W. Harris, Independent Living Center               |
| 2017 - June Miller, Special Olympics                           |
| 2018 - Margurite Clark, Dublin "Do Gooders Club"               |
| 2019 - Bill and Marilyn Martus, Richmond Day Nursery           |