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  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

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 Ansort, Morrison-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