



## AWARD WINNERS

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### 2008

Founder's Award:

**Nancy D. Kolb**, President and CEO, Please Touch Museum

### 2007

Arts:

**Philadelphia Mural Arts Program**

Community Service:

**Germaine Ingram, Esq.**, Solutions for Progress

Education:

**Elliot L. Shelkrot, President**, The Free Library of Philadelphia

Lifetime Achievement:

**Carter and Pat Merbreier**, Captain Noah and His Magical Ark

Philanthropy:

**Susan M. Shea**, Volunteer

Young Achiever:

**Rocco Fiorentino**, Little Rock Foundation

### 2006

Arts:

**Joan Myers Brown**, Founder and Executive Director of PHILADANCO

Education:

**PHILADELPHIA READS**

Community Service:

**World B. Free**, Director of Player Development/Ambassador of 76ers Basketball

Philanthropy:

**Independence Blue Cross**

Inspiration:

**Alex Scott**, Founder of Alex's Lemonade Stand

### 2005

Lifetime Achievement:

**Sheryl S. Leach**, Founder/Creator of Barney

Young Achiever:

**Sarah Bronstein**, Leader of the Eye to Eye mentorship program at Delaware Valley Friends School

Health:

**Margaret M. (Peggy) Dolan**, Co-founder and Executive Director of the Kelly Anne Dolan Memorial Fund

Education:

**Diane Wagenhals**, Program Director of the Parenting Resource and Education Network

Community Service:

**Taller Puertorriqueño**

Philanthropy:

**PNC Bank**

Founder's Award:

**L. Gie Liem**

### 2004

Arts:

**Arden Theatre Company**

Education:

**WHYY Children's Service**

Community Service – Organization:

**People's Emergency Center**

Community Service – Individual:

**Patricia De Carlo**, Executive Director, Norris Square Civic Association

Philanthropy:

**Jeffrey Kahan**, President/Founder, Joshua Kahan Fund

Young Achiever:

**Stephanie Uibel**

Founder's Award:

**Sheryl Perzel**

## 2003

Philanthropy:

**Dennis Alter**, Chairman and CEO, Advanta Corp.

Education:

**Sister Constance Marie Touey** and **Sister Jeannette Lucey**,  
St. Francis de Sales School

Arts:

**Leah Douglas**, Director of Exhibitions, Philadelphia International Airport

Young Achiever:

**Melissa Paris**, Ali Paris Fund for LKS Research and Education

Community Service – Individual:

**Bill Sample**, President and Founder, Sunshine Foundation

Community Service – Organization:

**Smith Memorial Playgrounds and Playhouse**

Health:

**Children's Crisis Treatment Center**

## 2002

Health:

**Carol Finkle**, Founder and Executive Director, Creative Access

Philanthropy:

**Carole Haas Gravagno**

Young Achiever:

**Jodie Leyfert** and **Sara Sheehan**, Jodie and Sara's Hospital Hugs  
Program

Arts:

**Ellen K. Savitz**, Deputy Chief Academic Officer, School Development,  
School District of Philadelphia

Education:

**Mary Veitz**, Director, Hope Day Nursery

Community Service:

**Christine Whaley**, Director, Project H.O.M.E. Seeds of Hope After  
School and Summer Camp Program

Community Service:

**Naomi M. Post**, former President and CEO, Philadelphia Safe and Sound

## 2001

Arts (Organization):

**Academy of Community Music**

Education:

**Sister Ellen T. Convey**, IHM, Principal, Gesu School

Young Achiever:

**Amanda J. Edgar**, Student, Tamanend Middle School

Arts (Individual):

**Johnny Irizarry**, Art and Literacy Teacher, Nueva Esperanza Academy  
High School

Health:

**Dikembe Mutombo**, Philadelphia 76ers; Founder, Dikembe Mutombo  
Foundation

Founder's Award:

**Manuel Stamatakis**, Chairman, Delaware River Port Authority and

**Paul Drayton**, CEO, Delaware River Port Authority

## 2000

Children's Advocacy:

**Harriet Dichter**

Health:

**Giulio D'Angio, M.D.**, Professor of Radiation Oncology, University  
of Pennsylvania Medical Center and

**Audrey E. Evans, M.D.**, Professor of Pediatrics, The Children's Hospital  
of Philadelphia

Education:

**Children's Literacy Initiative**

Community Service (Individual):

**Kenesta T. Mack**, Coordinator of the Healthy Families Program, R.W.  
Brown Community Center

Community Service (Organization):

**Support Center for Child Advocates**

Philanthropy (Individual):

**Robert L. Byers, Sr.**, Co-Founder and Chairman, Byers' Choice®, Ltd.

Philanthropy (Organization):

**The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation**

Founder's Award:

**Michele M. Ridge**, Former First Lady of Pennsylvania

## 1999

Community Service (Individual):  
Community Service (Organization):  
Health (Individual):  
  
Health (Organization):  
Philanthropy:  
Young Achievers:  
Lifetime Achievement:

**Steve Bandura**, Marian Anderson Recreation Center  
**Philadelphia Citizens for Children and Youth**  
**Saunders Dixon**, Founder and Director, Thorncroft Therapeutic Riding, Inc.  
**Operation Smile-Philadelphia Chapter**  
**Henry and Barbara Jordan, Claneil Foundation**  
**Robert X. Golphin**  
**Marciene S. Mattleman, Ed.D.**

## 1998

Health:  
Education:  
  
Arts and Science:  
Founder's Award:  
  
Volunteer Service:  
  
Philanthropy:  
Community Service:

**Angel Flight East**  
**Hedra Peterman**, Chief of The Office of Public Service Support, The Free Library of Philadelphia  
**Derrick Pitts**, Chief Astronomer, The Franklin Institute Science Museum  
**The Honorable John M. Perzel**, Majority Leader, Pennsylvania House of Representatives  
**Oliver Jordan**, Affirmative Action and Training Manager, Pennsylvania Convention Center  
**Mrs. Dorrance Hamilton**  
**Carolyn Johnson**, Founder and Executive Director of the National Adoption Center and the Adoption Center of Delaware Valley

## 1997

Community Service (Individual):  
Community Service (Organization):  
  
Media:  
Philanthropy:  
Education:

**Jerome Mills**, Program Director, E.L. Cunningham Community Center  
**Delaware Valley Chapter of the Alliance of Bikers Aimed Towards Education (A.B.A.T.E.)**  
**Kathy O'Connell**, Host and Producer of WXPB-FM's "Kid's Corner"  
**Jerry Lee**, President and Co-owner, B101 FM  
**Dr. Ruth Wright Hayre**, Retired President, Board of Education, School District of Philadelphia

## 1996

Science:  
Arts:  
Education:  
Community Service:  
Lifetime Achievement:  
Founder's Award:

**Mark Basnage**, Director of Children's Programs, Wagner Free Institute  
**Settlement Music School**  
**Sister Helen Frederick**, Principal, St. Luke the Evangelist School  
**The Philadelphia Eagles**  
**Stan and Jan Berenstain**  
**Portia Sperr**