Wayne County COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Ruth M. Tieche Friend of Philanthropy Award

Background

The **Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF) Friend of Philanthropy Award** was awarded for the first time in 2013. Named in honor of Ruth M. Tieche, this award is meant to honor those who make a difference in our communities through their philanthropic activities, which can include financial contributions that benefit the community; volunteering; and giving of their time, resources and skills for the betterment of the Wayne County area.

Ruth Tieche worked for 57 years at Freedlander's Department Store, retiring in 1975 as personnel director. She passed away in March 1989, at the age of 90, leaving no survivors. Through a bequest, Ruth gave $384,000 to WCCF as an unrestricted gift. Her generosity brought the total assets under the care of the Foundation to more than $1 million – a major milestone for the young organization. With careful stewardship, her initial gift has continued to grow while also awarding funds back into the community through the Foundation's competitive grant cycle. Unrestricted gifts, like the one provided by Ruth, allow the Foundation to meet the everchanging needs of our community for years to come.

Selection & Recognition

A volunteer peer review panel will review all nominations and select the recipient(s). Panel shall be comprised of at least one current WCCF staff member, two WCCF board members, and two at-large panelists.

The recipient(s) will be honored at the WCCF Annual Meeting, held in October. They will also be presented with an engraved plaque and a $1,000 grant will be made on their behalf to the charity of the recipient's choice.

Eligibility

Nominee must be an individual or couple, who demonstrates a continuing history of volunteer work and/or contributions that advance the quality of life or grow community philanthropy in Wayne County, Ohio. Current WCCF board members and Foundation staff may not be nominated. Awards may be made posthumously if the recipient(s) passed away no more than twelve (12) months prior to nominations being due.

Nomination Process/Guidelines

Nominations may be made by any person(s) residing and/or working within Wayne County. They will be accepted for an individual or couple who have demonstrated commitment, leadership, impact and creativity through service and philanthropy in Wayne County.

Attach to the Nomination Form no more than two pages of narrative **in this order** that describes at least **three** of the following:

1. *Commitment:* the nominee(s)'s length of service to the community.
2. *Leadership:* how the nominee(s) has demonstrated leadership in his/her/their philanthropic activities.
3. *Impact:* three to five ways in which the nominee(s) has made a difference in his/her/their community, in strengthening various sectors of the nonprofit world though volunteering of their time, financial contributions and/or giving of their personal or professional skills and abilities.
4. *Creativity/Advocacy:* the nominee(s)'s support of innovative ideas in their community's nonprofit and public sectors through involvement and advocacy.

Submission

Please submit the attached typed Nomination Form, including contact information for two individuals who can serve as references for the nominee(s). References should have a comprehensive knowledge of the nominee(s)'s background, accomplishments and community impact. References will be contacted for final candidates only. Nominations must be received by the WCCF by Noon on May 1st.

Submissions may be faxed, mailed or e-mailed to:

Lacie Neal, Program Manager
Wayne County Community Foundation
302 E. Liberty Street, Wooster, OH 44691
E-mail: lacie@wccfoh.org
Questions? Call 330.262.3877

About the Award Sponsor

The Wayne County Community Foundation (WCCF) is a nonprofit charitable community organization that works to strengthen the community we all share by helping donors make a lasting difference with their philanthropic endeavors connecting their dreams and passions with causes that matter.

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Nominee(s) Information (person who would receive this award)

Name(s): _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Business/Organization Name: _____

Title/Position: _____

Business Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Nominator Information

Name: _____

Contact Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

References

Please provide two references that are familiar with and can verify the scope and extent of the nominee's activities. They may not be the nominator, nominee or nominee relative.

Name	Daytime Phone	E-mail
1)		
2)		

Submissions must be received by Noon on May 1st by mail, fax or e-mail to:

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