

NOMINEES SOUGHT FOR HENSON, MORRIS AWARDS

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Awards recognize exceptional contributions towards improving the Lower Shore
(AUGUST 16, 2004)--- Nominations are now being accepted for the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore's Award of Excellence honoring Richard A. Henson and the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award until October 1st.

The award recipients will be announced at the annual meeting and luncheon of the Community Foundation which will be held on Friday, November 5, at Salisbury University. Both awards are considered among the most prestigious honoring philanthropic service in this region. In 2003 the United Way of the Lower Eastern Shore received the Award of Excellence and James G. Barrett received the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award.

Established in 1989, the Award of Excellence is presented annually to a qualified 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in Somerset, Wicomico or Worcester counties that has implemented a program or project resulting in an outstanding contribution to the well-being of residents of the Lower Eastern Shore.

The criteria for the Community Foundation's Award of Excellence correspond closely to the late local philanthropist Richard Henson's philosophy that achievement in the nonprofit sector should demonstrate an entrepreneurial spirit and resources should be creatively marshaled to provide effective and timely responses to critical or emerging community needs. The Award of Excellence includes a \$5,000 donation to the nonprofit organization.

First given in 1992, the Frank H. Morris Humanitarian Award recognizes an individual who has made outstanding, sustained and unselfish contributions to community enrichment and whose vital ideas and personal sacrifices exemplify the ideal of service to our community.

The late Frank Morris was a leading local businessman and philanthropist and among many civic activities was a former mayor of the City of Salisbury. The Foundation's criteria for the award include qualities of exemplary leadership, vision, integrity, compassion, cooperation, and generosity of time and talents. The Foundation grants \$1,000 to the charity of choice of the Morris Award winner.

Recipients are selected by a committee of community residents from nominations submitted by the public. Application forms for the awards are available [by clicking here](#).

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