

Richard C. & Vina L. Sauer
CHARITABLE LEADERSHIP AWARD

2011 Recipient: Marian Lowry

Eighteen years ago, the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award was established at the Community Foundation. Honoring local philanthropists who provide outstanding leadership or make significant charitable contributions to benefit Henderson County, this award exemplifies those who share their time, talents and treasures to make our community a better place.

This year's Sauer Award honoree is Marian Lowry. "Marian is one of the most generous persons I've ever known — with her time, through her efforts in civic and community development, and in her financial contributions," says George Bond, Chair of the Recognition Committee. "She does all of this in a quiet, professional manner, often describing her style of leadership as someone who gets things done by coming in the back door, influencing the kings and kingmakers behind the scene."

Marian keeps everyone up to date on what is happening in our larger community and functions as a well-informed conscience, a collaborator in the true sense of the word. Her ideas are open to discussion and dialogue. She is passionate about those things in which she believes and her list of interests are long. She works tirelessly with the Council on Aging to help older adults stay healthy and independent (for which she serves as a fitting poster girl). She supports legal representation for the disenfranchised through her work with Pisgah Legal Services. She's a fierce advocate for both the rights and obligations of voting. She teaches kids the importance of speaking up for themselves and others. And she's a faithful supporter of her family, Girl Scouts, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Duke University and a good game of golf. In short, she works faithfully and tirelessly to make her world and ours better.

Past Recipients

Frank Ewbank
Kenneth Youngblood
Morris Kaplan
Kermit Edney
William E. "Jamie" Jamison
William "Bill" Stokes, Jr.

Marcia Caserio
Eleanora Meloun
Tom and Sue Fazio
Frank Byrd
Dr. Colin Thomas
Dot Marlow

Duane And Peggy McKibbin
Jeff Miller
Dr. Kathleen McGrady Family
Robert and Doris Eklund
Teddi Segal