

Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer
Charitable Leadership Award



The Community Foundation established the Sauer Award in 1993 as a memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Sauer for their philanthropic support of our community. In the spirit of the Sauers, the award is presented every year to someone who makes significant charitable contributions to improve life in Henderson County. The 2001 recipient is Eleanora Meloun.

Eleanora's generosity and kindness has touched the lives of family, friends and total strangers. She first moved to Hendersonville in 1956 with her husband, Charles, who had a long and distinguished career with General Electric. Together they raised one son, Scott, who lives in Winston Salem. Although the Melouns moved away and did not return to Hendersonville until 1980, Eleanora says they made enough trips back to feel like they had never really left. No matter where they lived, the Melouns always gave to those who were not as fortunate as they were. Sadly, Charles passed away in 1997, but Eleanora has continued to fulfill their charitable objectives they set together so many years ago.

Although there are too many to name here, Eleanora supports projects that impact education, healthcare, the arts, medical research, disaster relief and her church through her fund at the Community Foundation, which bears her name and the name of her late husband. She is also a dedicated volunteer, giving her time wherever and whenever she is needed. For this, our community is truly a better place. In honor of Eleanora Meloun, a \$1,500 scholarship bearing the name of Charles and Eleanora Meloun has been awarded to a Henderson County student to help with college expenses.