2005 Recipient: Dot Dellinger Marlow

Twelve years ago, the Community Foundation established the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award to honor local philanthropists who provide outstanding leadership or make significant charitable contributions to benefit Henderson County. The Community Foundation accepts nominations from the community before reviewing and selecting a deserving recipient. The 2005 recipient is Dot Dellinger Marlow.

Dot has truly touched the lives of so many in this community through her generosity. She moved to Hendersonville with her husband, Glenn. He was a teacher at East Flat Rock Elementary, where he began his 40 years of educational service in Henderson County. Together they raised four children, three daughters and a son. After the children were older, Dot went to work at Northwestern Bank, where she worked for 20 years. Later, she worked for First Union for six years in marketing and public relations. Sadly, Glenn passed away in 1999, but his family decided to honor his legacy by establishing the Glenn C. Marlow Scholarship, reflecting his dedication to education.

Throughout Dot’s life in Hendersonville, she has worked tirelessly for community causes, both giving her personal resources and raising money for organizations. Dot’s personal touch with people in her daily life and in her charitable undertakings is a valid reason for why success comes to those organizations in which she is involved.

Incidentally, Dot was the first woman to serve on the Community Foundation of Henderson County board of directors – she served as vice president from 1983-1991 – and today she still remains an active volunteer and donor.

Over the years, Dot has led, organized and championed numerous fundraising efforts for the United Way, First United Methodist Church of Hendersonville and SEACO. She has also been involved with Pardee Hospital, Hendersonville Symphony Orchestra, Chamber of Commerce, Brevard College, NC Museum of History and NC Hospital Association.

She is an always-ready spokesperson for the services of the organizations that she supports. Dot has an indescribable spirit and has a way to put people at ease. She is a dedicated volunteer, giving her time wherever and whenever she is needed. For this, our community is a better place. In honor of Dot Marlow, $1,500 has been awarded to the Glenn C. Marlow Scholarship.