

Philanthropy is a way of life

Duane and Peggy McKibbin have made a profound impact on the fabric of our community. They demonstrate the values, ideals, and actions of great philanthropists. These visionaries through their tremendous work and continuous engagement were chosen as the **2006 Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award** recipients, established to honor local philanthropists who provide outstanding leadership or make significant contributions to benefit Henderson County.

The McKibbins used their own business acumen and personal resources to help found the Community Foundation of Henderson County in 1983. Today, the Foundation hosts over 360 funds, many of which were given to the Foundation as a result of introductions from the McKibbins. Duane served on the founding board of directors and also served as president of the board of directors. Peggy, along with six other women, began the Foundation's first giving circle long before giving circles were popular. The Women In Need of Support (WINS) endowment was established to provide financial assistance to women who are working to improve their lives. (To read more about the impact of the WINS fund, see the February story.)

The McKibbins have been actively involved with many area nonprofits, and held leadership positions in almost all of them, giving their time and contributions to make a difference.

It's hard to estimate the impact this couple has made on our community and those they have inspired. Through their individual and combined efforts, Duane and Peggy are making philanthropy a way of life in Henderson County.

