

ROBERT AND DORIS EKLUND RECEIVE THE RICHARD C. & VINA L. SAUER CHARITABLE LEADERSHIP AWARD

The Sauer Award, established in 1993, is the highest honor presented by the Community Foundation of Henderson County. This award exemplifies our community's commitment to neighbors helping neighbors and honors local philanthropists who provide outstanding leadership or make significant charitable contributions to benefit Henderson County. The award was established as a memorial to Richard and Vina Sauer, local philanthropists who made a difference in their community.

The Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award for 2009 was presented to Robert and Doris Eklund. Pat Jones, Chair of the Recognition Committee stated, "This year's award goes to a couple who are philanthropic visionaries, humble supporters of many nonprofit organizations and living examples of how we can ensure the long-term positive future of our community."

Through many years of consistent and generous gifts to support health care issues, children's education, parenting, elder services and the preservation of important historical icons, the Eklunds have been a model for the community.

Civic leadership is also included in their life example; Robert was a county commissioner for four years and Doris a leader in the downtown area and a successful downtown merchant for over 20 years.

As with all of our previous Sauer Award winners, this couple believes that if people are successful and able, they are obligated to share. This philosophy of life and generosity of spirit, in appreciation for the blessings they have received, were the driving forces behind their nomination for this award.

Past Recipients of The Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award

Frank Ewbank	Tom and Sue Fazio
Kenneth Youngblood	Frank Byrd
Morris Kaplan	Dr. Colin Thomas
Kermit Edney	Dot Marlow
William E. "Jamie" Jamison	Duane and Peggy McKibbin
William "Bill" Stokes, Jr.	Jeff Miller
Marcia Caserio	Dr. Kathleen McGrady Family
Eleanora Meloun	



2009 RECIPIENTS: ROBERT AND DORIS EKLUND

Sauer Award Nomination Information

Do you know someone who provides outstanding leadership through their personal philanthropic efforts here in Henderson County? If so, nominate that person for the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award, presented every year by the Community Foundation of Henderson County to honor a local philanthropist who makes a difference in our community. Contact the Foundation for additional details at (828) 697-6224.