Establishing a Lifelong Legacy of Giving

SAUER AWARD RECIPIENT — THOS. R. SHEPHERD

The 2014 Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award was presented to a lifelong resident of Henderson County, Thos. R. Shepherd. The Shepherd family has helped shape the Henderson County Community for more than 110 years and each member of the family works to instill the tradition of family service and philanthropy.

Thos. R. Shepherd's life has been tirelessly dedicated to community causes, both through giving of personal resources as well as volunteer time. He has led, organized and championed numerous nonprofit philanthropic efforts, including the United Way, Rotary Club of Hendersonville, and Flat Rock Playhouse Youth Theatre. He's hosted fundraisers for Hendersonville Rescue Mission, Children and Family Resource Center and helped Four Seasons Hospice purchase furnishings for the Elizabeth House Chapel. He is one of the first members of the Generations of Excellence at Pardee Memorial Hospital, and has been a supporter of Lake Logan Episcopal Retreat and Community Foundation of Henderson County for the past 26 years. Mr. Shepherd has been a dedicated leader of the Shrine Club, Henderson County Chamber of Commerce, Park Ridge Foundation Board and served as President of Community Foundation of Henderson County Board. He has also been very involved with Saint James Episcopal Church.

Never one to seek acclaim for his generous actions, he always remains humble for what he has done to impact the community. Working tirelessly to establish a standard we all should strive to reach, Thos. R. Shepherd upholds a standard of love and commitment for his community and its people. Always thinking of others over himself, he is held in the highest esteem by all who know him. He strives to not only make a difference through his own work but by encouraging others, organizations, corporations and individuals to adopt activities and provide financial support aimed at improving the lives of the residents of Henderson County and beyond.

Over the years that Mr. Shepherd — along with his family — has owned their business, the focus has been centered on serving the needs of the community and it members. He lives by the Golden Rule, "do unto others as you would have them do unto you." As an example, this past Christmas Mr. Shepherd and his wife, Melody, purchased lunch fixings and personally delivered a holiday meal to workers at the Henderson County Sheriff's Office, Hendersonville Police Department and Hospice as a way of sharing Christmas cheer with those having to work on the holiday.

Dedicated, committed, inspiring, philanthropic, deserving....these are all characteristics that describe Thos. R. Shepherd.

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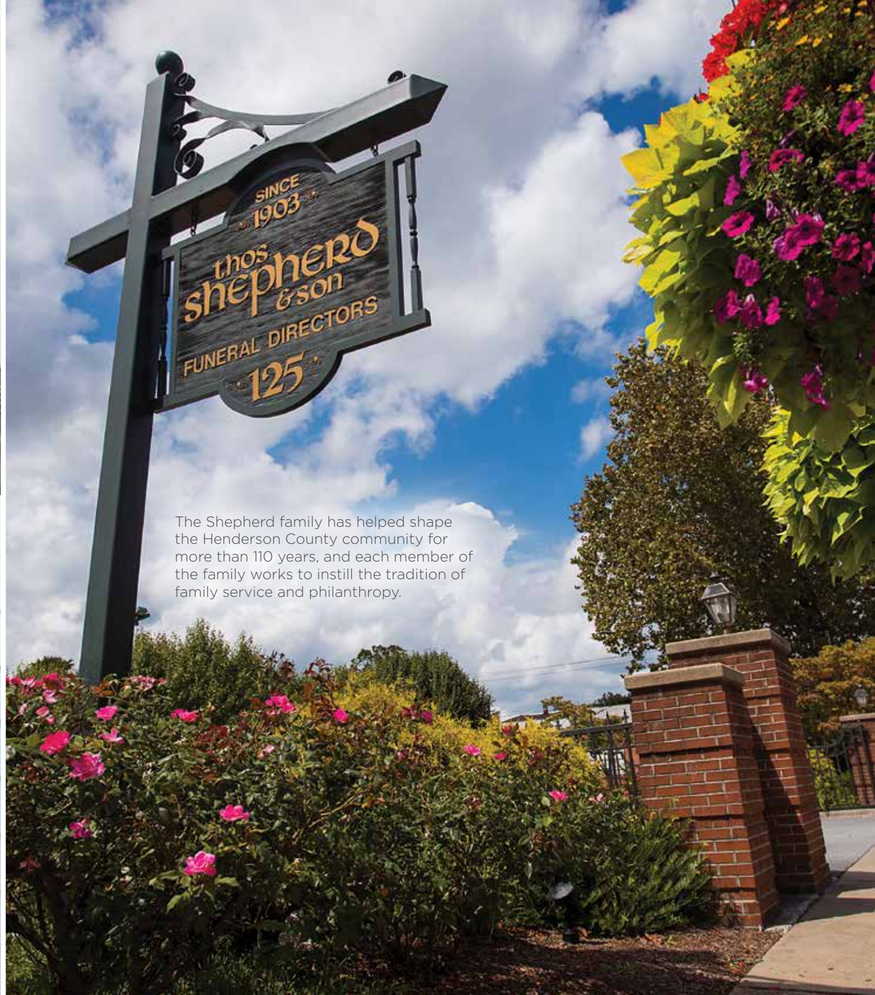

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