Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award

Established in 1993 by the Community Foundation Board of Directors, the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award serves as a memorial to Mr. & Mrs. Sauer for their philanthropic support of our community.

Nominated by Blue Ridge Community College for his service to the school, Frank Wyttenbach Ewbank is the first recipient of this award. Mr. Ewbank was a founding trustee of the college and served as chairman of that Board from 1981-1987. While President of Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation he provided the leadership to raise over one million dollars and over $250,000 in resources to the faculty, staff and students of the college.

Mr. Ewbank’s service goes beyond the usual volunteer effort. He has given hours of work to various boards, provided critical leadership for many organizations and contributed financial support for many different non-profit causes in our community. Mr. Ewbank has been a member and served as chairman of the Hendersonville City Board of Education and currently sits on the merged Henderson County Public Schools Board of Education. He has been a member and past chairman of the local advisory board of the Salvation Army; a member and past president of the Hendersonville Rotary Club; a member of the Board of Governors of the African Medical Mission, the YMCA, the Cherokee Historical Society, the Chamber of Commerce Board; a founding director of the Community Foundation of Henderson County and a member of the St. James Episcopal Church Vestry.

Mr. Ewbank often works behind the scenes solving community problems, encouraging others to support philanthropic causes and providing financial assistance to make our community a better place to live, work and play. He exemplifies leadership and community involvement and is a worthy recipient of the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award for 1993.