

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.

The 1995 award was given to Morris Kaplan, a person who, like the Sauers, has shown outstanding leadership in the charitable field. In honor of Mr. Kaplan, the Community Foundation presented a grant of \$1,500 to his charity of choice.

Morris Kaplan is a gentleman in the finest sense of the word. He came to Hendersonville in 1945 after service in the Army Air Corps, married his wife Anne, completed a 35-year career with Louis Williams and Sons and raised a fine family. He is very committed to his family and has demonstrated a commitment to community service -- a belief that by working together we can make our community a better place to live and grow.

He has served as Chairman of the Board of the Henderson County Library since 1970. He came to that Board in 1968, and his leadership has resulted in unprecedented growth in facilities and service. He guided the Library from one location to its current five locations and from a total annual use of 118,000 items to over 650,000 today.

Morris Kaplan is lay leader and president of the Agudas Israel Congregation, a member of the Henderson County Ministerial Association, a charter member of the Pardee Hospital Chaplaincy Advisory Committee, a member of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He is a past president of the Hendersonville Kiwanis Club. Through his chairmanship for forty years of the Kiwanis Shoe Program, he has seen to it that some 2,000 pairs of shoes have been given to indigent school children.

He has demonstrated leadership in numerous other community projects and organizations with honors such as Kiwanis Layman of the Year, Kiwanis Distinguished Service Award, Second Wind Hall of Fame, Civitan Citizen of the Year, Agudas Israel Congregation Service Award and James H. McDuffie Memorial Award for Outstanding Community Leadership.

The Sauer Committee felt Morris Kaplan well deserves the Richard C. and Vina L. Sauer Charitable Leadership Award for he has made many contributions without expecting or desiring any reward.



“Morris Kaplan is a man Henderson County is proud to call a friend. - a man who sets an example of charitable leadership.”

*Henderson County Library Board
Bill Snyder, Director*