

PHILANTHROPIST OF THE YEAR

2014 Winner: Stan Evans



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TCACF awards EVANS PHILANTHROPIST of the YEAR

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations are pleased to announce Stan Evans as the 2014 Philanthropist of the Year. This award was presented September 11th at the Tipp Foundations' 71th Birthday Party, hosted by the trustees in the courtyard of the Hotel Gallery. One hundred and forty five community leaders attended the event catered by Greenfire Bistro, and were thanked for their philanthropic giving to the Foundations.

“What we have done for ourselves alone dies with us; what we have done for others and the world remains immortal,” once stated Albert Pike, a Freemason. Tom Creech, who nominated Evans for the award, stated “Stan’s work in Tipp City is known by many but a lot of his contributions are done anonymously, whether to an organization, a fundraiser or an individual.”

Evan’s community involvement covers the full spectrum from the Tipp City Rotary, Arts Council, and United Way to the Edison Community College Foundation Board. He is also very involved in the Tippecanoe Masonic Lodge 174 and serves on the Board of Directors of the Springfield Masonic Community Home. He has received the District 3 Masonic Community Award and the Masonic Lodge 174 Community Builder Award.

As Evans humbly accepted the award, he paused and spoke to the crowd. “At night when we go home and turn on the news, the world appears to be in disorder. But what we can do is get up the next day and go and give back to our community.”

He established and permanently endowed the Tipp City Arts Fund in Memory of Ellen Cotterman earlier in 2014. The fund supports art with a preference given to grant requests from the Tipp City Area Arts Council. Cotterman and Evans were a couple for 23 years before her passing in 2010.

Artist, volunteer and civic activist, Ellen Cotterman’s impact was enormous and defines the Tipp City we see today. Projects Ellen founded include the Restoration and Architectural Board of Review, the Tree Board, and the Arts Council. In 2009, Ellen was selected as the Tipp City Volunteer of the Year.

Since 1943, the Tipp City Area Community Foundations has awarded over \$1,750,000 in grants to the community. Members of the Distribution Committee are Jim Ranft, chair, Heather Bailey, Dave Grim, Claire Timmer and Jackie Wahl. Other trustees include Jesse Chamberlain, Joan Creech, Beth van Harren, Mike Lightle, Jim McKee and Marilyn Richards.

The Tipp City Area Community Foundations is a member fund of The Troy Foundation. If you would like information about how to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Foundation, or how your organization can apply for a grant, please contact Jim Ranft at (937) 667-1270.

For more information about the Foundations, its volunteers and the funds that make these grant awards possible, visit the web site at www.tippfoundation.org.

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