

The Magi Fund receives prestigious Salisbury Award

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Bonnie Luna, chairman of The Magi Fund Steering Committee, accepted the award.

“The prestigious Salisbury Award is our community’s oldest civic award,” said Art Cooley, chairman of the award’s trustees. It was established in 1926 by local businessman G. William Phillips, who remained anonymous to the public for nearly 25 years. The award was created for the purpose of recognizing “service that has been the greatest benefit to the happiness, prosperity, intellectual advancement or moral growth of the community.”

The Salisbury Award has been presented 60 times since 1926. Past recipients include quickly recognizable names such as Ruth Powell, James M. Bennett, Avery Hall, Richard Henson, Frank Perdue, Dick Hazel, Sam Seidel, Paul Martin, Virginia Layfield, Mitzi Perdue, Lewis Riley, Pete Cooper, George Whitehead, Tony Sarbanes and Bill Ahtes. Ben's Red Swings and the Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore are among the organizations that have been recognized.

The Magi Fund is an all-volunteer organization that operates off kitchen tables and is committed to giving 100 percent of every dollar raised to the Christian Shelter and the Joseph House Center. In addition, thousands of cans of food are collected to stock their food pantries for the winter season.

In addition to the presentation of a plaque commemorating this honor, the Salisbury Award Trustees will make a donation of \$500 to a charity of their choice.