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Andy Eder honored by CT Council for Philanthropy

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Andy Eder his award from Council Chair Kim Healey of NewAlliance Foundation.

HARTFORD — Andy Eder of Guilford is one of three philanthropists honored earlier this month by the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy at the organization's annual Connecticut Philanthropy Summit. The event, held on May 9, was attended by more than 250 philanthropists, grant makers and community leaders gathered last week to honor three philanthropic leaders. In addition to Eder, the other honorees were David Nee and Nancy Roberts. Roberts is the recently retired president of the Council.

Eder was named the recipient of the 2013 John H. Filer Award for his leadership in promoting private action for the public good. A partner in Eder Bros. Inc. of West Haven and president of The Eder Family Foundation, Eder was cited by the Council for combining "his professional savvy and community knowledge to guide his enduring philanthropic commitment to help mankind."

Sydney Perry, CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater New Haven, described Andy as "a quiet force that moves our community towards a better place."

Five years ago, in response to the economic downturn, Eder is credited with pulling together a meeting between the United Way of Greater New Haven and Jewish Community Foundation of Greater New Haven, and facilitating the creation of the Neighbor to Neighbor Lifeline (N2N). Under his leadership as chair of the N2N effort, more than \$2.3 million were raised over the last four years and invested to meet greater New Haven's critical needs.

"Andy's significant contributions to all aspects of N2N Lifeline cannot be underestimated – his vision, contributions, and engagement have driven the success of this effort," said Jack Healy, president and CEO of United Way of Greater New Haven.