



The John H. Filer Award – 2019

We invite you to submit a nominee(s) for the John H. Filer Award. The award honors an individual or individuals who have demonstrated leadership in encouraging private action for the public good in Connecticut.

Criteria The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy (CCP) will recognize individuals for their leadership in promoting private action for the public good. Nominees should embody a creative spirit and serve as a model and inspiration to others in promoting philanthropy and solving societal problems.

Eligibility

- Nominees must have demonstrated a lasting impact on the philanthropic and nonprofit sectors of the state of Connecticut or a region within Connecticut.
- Only individuals are eligible for the award. Institutions are not eligible.
- Nominees may be from the for-profit, nonprofit or public sector.
- This award is given to individuals during their lifetime.
- Previously nominated individuals who are not selected may be re-nominated by submission of updated nominating materials.
- Current members of the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy's board of directors and members of the award committee are not eligible to receive The John H. Filer Award.

Selection The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy will appoint a committee to review nominations and to select the honoree. This award will be given in conjunction with CCP's Annual Conference in May 2019.

Nomination Process Any grantmaker or nonprofit in Connecticut is eligible to make a nomination. Please write a letter of nomination describing the nominee related to the selection criteria. Be specific in your comments. Attach the completed nomination form and a copy of your nominee's curriculum vitae.

Nominations must be post-marked or received via email by March 15

Send to: Connecticut Council for Philanthropy
The John H. Filer Award
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QUESTIONS? **Contact:** Laurie Allen: (860) 525-5585 or lallen@CTphilanthropy.org

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Previous John H. Filer Awardees	2017	Sheila Perrin – <i>Perrin Family Foundation</i>	2007	Thomas O. Barnes - <i>Barnes Group</i>
	2015	Barbara Netter - <i>Alliance for Cancer Gene Therapy; The Barbara and Edward Netter Foundation</i>	2006	John H. Riege - <i>Reid and Riege</i>
	2014	Carlton Highsmith – <i>CONNCAT</i>	2005	Leo Nevas - <i>Nevas Family Foundation</i>
	2013	Andrew Eder - <i>Eder Bros., Inc.; Eder Family Foundation</i>	2004	F. Peter Libassi - <i>Children’s Health Fund</i>
	2012	Betty Hale - <i>Newell D. Hale Foundation</i>	2003	Robert Merriman - <i>Main Street Community Foundation</i>
	2011	Herbert T. Clark III - <i>Clark Group</i>	2002	Emily Tow Jackson - <i>The Tow Foundation</i>
	2010	Shelley Diehl Geballe - <i>CT Voices for Children</i>	2001	William C. Graustein - <i>William Caspar Graustein Memorial Fund</i>
	2009	Barbara L. Pearce and Herbert H. Pearce - <i>H. Pearce Company</i>	2000	Paul Aicher - <i>Topsfield Foundation</i>
	2008	James F. English - <i>Nutmeg Foundation</i>	1999	Carlyle “Hap” Barnes - <i>Barnes Foundation</i>
			1998	David E. A. Carson - <i>People’s Bank</i>
			1997	Anne Tyler Calabresi - <i>Carolyn Foundation</i>

John H. Filer As chief executive of Aetna Life & Casualty Company in the 1960s and 1970s, John Filer inspired his peers in the business community by his example, committing his company to a bold policy of corporate citizenship and focusing corporate leaders on the pressing urban issues of his day.

Taking his leadership on behalf of philanthropy beyond Hartford, Mr. Filer constantly urged the nation’s business leaders to accept the responsibility of corporate citizenship. He chaired the national Commission on Private Philanthropy and Public Need, often referred to as the Filer Commission, which was formed in 1973 to focus on tax incentives and philanthropic giving. The Commission’s work helped to define philanthropy’s new identity in the nonprofit or “third” sector, and marked the beginning of a new era of focus on this sector. Many have credited the Filer Commission with reasserting the American commitment to private philanthropy.

John Filer continued his national leadership by participating in the founding of Independent Sector, a national organization of nonprofit organizations and foundations. He also played a key role in establishing the National Committee for Responsive Philanthropy. John Filer had a profound and lasting effect on the course of philanthropy in his company, his community and, ultimately, the country. His many achievements stand as a tribute to the ideals this award celebrates.

Connecticut Council for Philanthropy The Connecticut Council for Philanthropy is the state’s association of grantmakers. The organization, founded in 1969 and celebrating 50 years of leadership in 2019, is committed to promoting and supporting effective philanthropy for the public good. CCP membership is comprised by foundations, business and corporate giving programs, bank trusts, donor-advised funds, individual philanthropists, and those serving the philanthropic sector. CCP members annually grant more than \$1 billion from assets of more than \$8.4 billion.