

2007 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



SALUTE YOUR 2007 AWARDS HONOREE, CLIFTON BENNETT

NOMINATED BY CHANDA & RADCLIFFE BENNETT



From left: Nominator Chanda Bennett, honoree Clifton Bennett and nominator Radcliffe Bennett



From left: George Arwady, Publisher of the Star-Ledger, honoree Clifton Bennett, and Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards

Do you know someone who makes a difference in your community?

If you do, then nominate them for the prestigious Jefferson Award by visiting www.nj.com/jeffersonawards

Jefferson Awards honor ordinary people who, through public service, do extraordinary things for other people, their community, their nation, or the environment.

Clifton Bennett is the epitome of a true giver. For over twenty years, Clifton served on several public community-based organizations, never seeking or expecting any recognition. In the 1980's, Clifton helped form a Neighborhood Citizen's Watch in Bensalem, PA. The Citizen's Watch assisted local law officials to patrol the community and organized transporting benches and planting flowers to beautify the neighborhood. Clifton served on a United States Postal Service Community Advisory Council, which served as a "community voice" to improve services and relations between the community and the postal service. In the 1990's, he quickly became active on the Parent Teachers Association of Union Township, NJ. He served as the PTA-Board of Education liaison and was elected onto the School Board. Clifton organized over 200 volunteers consisting of community members, local businesses, and corporate sponsors to install a network and computers. In 2005, Clifton assumed a leadership role on New Jersey's Child Welfare Planning Council to improve the child abuse prevention infrastructure and simultaneously participated on New Jersey's Medical Reserve Corps to help prepare responses against terrorist attacks. Now Clifton stimulates young minds with his academically focused "School Bus Challenges."