

2007 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



SALUTE YOUR 2007 AWARDS HONOREE, CHIP PAILLEX

NOMINATED BY JUNE & FRED PAILLEX



From left: Nominator June Paillex, honoree Chip Paillex, and nominator Fred Paillex



From left: George Arwady, Publisher of the Star-Ledger, medalist Chip Paillex 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.

For the last five years Chip Paillex has created a volunteer program, called "Grow-a-Row" to feed the hungry. Chip's tireless efforts for this program began when he had an abundance of produce from a plot of garden space and decided to bring the excess food to the Flemington Food Pantry. The concept of raising food for the hungry was conceived. It didn't take very long for Chip to gather volunteers, donated equipment, seeds and another plot of land to farm in Alexandria Township. The smiles of those recipients at the food banks encouraged him to continue his efforts through bad bouts of weather, crop failures, insect infestations, loss of farming space and time management. His donations have increased from \$3,000 worth of produce the first year to 24,000 lbs of food donated this year. His next goal is a donation of 100,000 lbs of food to the pantries and introducing farm work to inner-city children.