

# 2007 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



## SALUTE YOUR 2007 AWARDS HONOREE, CHARLES SHAUGHNESSY

NOMINATED BY ALISON MCCLAY & BILL DONOVAN



Medalist Charles Shaughnessy



Charles Shaughnessy with his wife, Margaret and granddaughter, Meghan

### 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](http://www.nj.com/jeffersonawards)

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Charlie is the founder of "adopting a park" in his town of Colonia and plants trees, and has a fall "clean up" with the community for 18 years. Charlie coached basketball and football from 1959 to 2002. Charlie distributes food, helps with housing and paying bills through the St. Vincent de Paul Society with whom he is a member. He feeds men at the Salvation Army in Perth Amboy, NJ. Charlie picks up used furniture, clothing, house wares, etc. and delivers to the Emmaus House in Perth Amboy. He has also run a coin drive for 25 years for the mentally handicapped, five years collecting for the Alzheimer fund and collecting socks, games, books, for the vets in Menlo Park, NJ. He is a past grand knight of the Knights of Columbus, and helps organize the township of Woodbridge's St. Patrick's Day parade for 34 years now. Charlie has diabetes and some days it is hard for him, but he never says no!