



2009 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, Rev. John Graf, and Daria Placitella, Executive Vice President, Eastern Region, PNC Wealth Management

Rev. John Graf standing with his nominators, Joan Lind, Alyce Brophy, and Rebecca Perkins

Honoree Rev. John Graf

Reverend John Graf, Jr., of Bedminster was nominated by Joan Lind, Alice Brophy and Rebecca Perkins for his extraordinary fundraising talents, with more than \$45 million raised for countless nonprofit, education, government, and cultural arts organizations. Now a full-time minister, Reverend Graf is the quintessential non-profit volunteer, having served on more than 14 local, county, and state boards, most notably the NJ Governor's Advisory Council on Volunteerism and Community Service. His Claire & John Graf Family Foundation, established in 2000 in his mother's memory, has donated more than \$300,000 to more than 22 state-wide charities from funds earned by his ministry. His warmth, generosity, energy and humor inspire others to give to their community.

"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 and volunteerism efforts, do extraordinary things for other people, their community, their nation, or the environment.



Linda Bowden, President
PNC Northern New Jersey

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