

## 2009 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards





Honoree Robert Merrifield and Daria Placitella, Executive Vice President, Eastern Region, PNC Wealth Management



Honoree Robert Merrifield (left center) along with wife Sharon and his son to his right. Nominator Margaret DeOliveira is standing to his left.

## "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

## Honoree Robert Merrifield

Robert Merrifield of Blairstown was nominated by Manuela DeOliveira for his passionate environmental endeavors. Mr. Merrifield has served as chair of the Paulinskill/Pequest Watershed Association and also served on the Warren County Environmental Commission. For the past 15 years, he has served as faculty advisor to the student-run Earthshine Environment Club, which has raised funds to support energy-saving practices at the school. In March 2008, Mr. Merrifield organized students for a week of community service at a food warehouse and nursing home in Camden. His passion for the environment and helping others are a part of who he is.

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