



2009 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, honoree Robert Zufall, honoree Kathryn Zufall, and Daria Placitella, Executive Vice President, Eastern Region, PNC Wealth Management

Robert Zufall, Kathryn Zufall, and their nominator Eva Turbiner

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Honorees Robert & Kathryn Zufall

Dr. Robert Zufall and his wife, Kathryn, wanted more from retirement. In 1990, the Zufalls opened the Dover Free Clinic. Operating one night a week, Dr. Zufall treated patients while his wife provided administrative support. Almost instantly, the clinic attracted a growing patient base of poor families. Its popularity necessitated moves to larger quarters and expanded hours.

To better serve patients, Robert studied pediatrics and internal medicine while Kathryn pursued funding opportunities. Their tenacity for enlisting volunteers generated a core team of physicians, dentists, and support staff.

Ultimate success came in 2004, when the clinic's financial survival was assured by designation as a Federally Qualified Health Center. Renamed Zufall Health Center, it is now a full-time operation.

Today, the center is extending its reach with a new Morristown facility and an eco-friendly mobile medical unit. Despite their daunting challenges, he and his wife say they've gotten as much from their "little project" as they've given. "We've never felt that heroic," he's said. "It was a job that someone needed to do, and we just did it."

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