

Group honors Calvanese Foundation

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SOUTHINGTON — In an effort to promote philanthropy, the Connecticut chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals annually recognizes people and organizations. This year, the Outstanding Foundation award will go to the Joe and Kay Calvanese Foundation.

Since family members established the foundation in 1996 to continue the philanthropic efforts of their parents, the Calvanese Foundation has distributed more than \$1 million to improve the quality of life in Southington.

Barbara Miller, co-chairwoman for the awards luncheon and secretary of the Connecticut chapter, said highlighting the work of organizations like the Calvanese Foundation often inspires more philanthropy.

"The awards ceremony is to help promote philanthropy throughout the state by showing examples," Miller said. "When people see what one group can do, it can inspire them to do work in their own community. The Calvanese Foundation has done an awful lot in the town of Southington."

News of the award came as a surprise to foundation members. Kathy Reinhard of the Calvanese Foundation said looking through past recipients, it was humbling to be in such company.

"We're very excited. We've been very fortunate," Reinhard said. "It's only because we

have the support of Southington business and individuals. We're really the funnel; we collect it to give back to the community."

Reinhard said despite people cutting back due to the economy, the foundation has been able to disburse about \$100,000 in grants each year, supporting 137 programs including Southington Community Services, Bread for Life, the police department, the school system and the YMCA.

In recent years, Reinhard said the younger generation of the Calvanese family has been taking a more prominent role, making the foundation honor-

ing her parents a multigenerational effort.

The foundation was nominated by Central Connecticut Senior Health Services, who has been on the receiving end of foundation grants. Erika Copes, director of marketing and business development of senior health services,

"They are fabulous people that really care about the community and understand the needs of the community," Copes said.

The association will present the foundation with the award during its annual National Philanthropy Day in Connecticut Conference on Nov. 17.

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