

## **FRONT PORCH TRUST**

As an outgrowth of the Paoli 250<sup>th</sup> celebration in 2005, the Paoli Business & Professional Association (PBPA) established the Front Porch Trust, established as a 501©3 through the Chester County Community Foundation.

The objective of the trust was to recognize seniors at Conestoga and Great Valley High Schools for volunteer contributions to their community and, as we later learned, more broadly to the world community.

Annually, PBPA holds the Breakfast for Champions, the lead sponsor of which is Penn Liberty Bank. Students are asked to write a one-page report indicating how they have personally responded to Margaret Meade's comment – "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

The administration in each school selects three seniors who best represent that statement. At the breakfast, with parents in attendance, the three selectees from each school are recognized, given an opportunity to read their report and are awarded a college scholarship from the Front Porch Trust.

Earnings from the trust and annual contributions have allowed us to give \$4000 in scholarships annually. The current trust corpus is approximately \$50,000. Our objective is to increase the corpus to \$100,000, from which we may comfortably withdraw 5%, or \$5000, annually in perpetuity.

In the long run, the objective of the breakfast is to recognize and encourage students who are serving our community, students who will be the next generation of leaders, some within the Greater Paoli community, some further afield.

We are seeking financial support to reach our goal of \$100,000. Whatever support you might give would be greatly appreciated. Checks may be written to the "Front Porch Trust" and mailed to POB 550, Paoli PA 19301.

On behalf of our youth, we thank you.

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