



ROCKFORD — Rockford Cosmopolitan Charities and the Community Foundation of Northern Illinois are proud to announce Harry Ritter the 2006 winner of the Charles G. Uram Lifetime Service Award.

Please Join Us in Congratulating Harry Ritter, the 2006 winner of the Charles G. Uram, Lifetime Service Award

Harry Ritter has spent more than a half-century making the Rock River Valley a better place to live thanks to his serving on numerous boards and fundraising campaigns.

Particularly instrumental in the growth of the The Mill and its programs for at-risk youth, he chaired the 1993 fundraising campaign that raised over \$1 million dollars for the construction of their Elmwood road facility. He continues to serve The Mill as fundraiser, as a friend to the residents, and even for the past two years as its holiday Santa Claus.

This nominee was also instrumental in a \$1.2 million dollar fundraising effort to renovate the Northwest Community Center, which now has a modern facility providing services to over 500 children.

He has been an irreplaceable community resource, serving as campaign chair, major contributor, and/or advisor to dozens of other organizations throughout the Rockford area, including the YMCA, Junior Achievement, the Boy Scouts, RAMP, and United Way.

Community Involvement:

Chairman, YMCA “Partners with Youth Campaign” 1986

The Mill - Boardmember

Northwest Community Center

Junior Achievement

Center for Sight and Hearing

RAMP

Northern Illinois Blood Bank

The Burpee Museum

Coronado Theatre

United Way

Our Savior’s Lutheran Church

Awards:

1985 - National Society of Fundraising Executives, Fund Raising Volunteer of the Year

1987 – Rockford Rotary Service Above Self Award

2000 - Crusader Clinic Spirit of Caring Award

2001 - Rockford Register Star Excalibur Award