

RECIPIENT #3

As I mentioned earlier, we also step outside of our St. Andrews campus to recognize members of the community who are deserving of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. We reach beyond Dogwood Mile to individuals who are truly members of the extended St. Andrews family and in whom we recognize those qualities specified by the New York Southern Society for this prestigious award.

This year, we have identified not one, but two, individuals who truly exemplify the definition of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award – they “go outside the narrow circle of self-interest and expend their energies in the service of others.”

Laurinburg and Scotland County are fortunate to have these two people – a husband and wife -- who have generously sought to improve the quality of life for others. While we think of them as one unit for this award, they are two exceptional people who together strive to make this community a better place to live.

Clara and Julian Butler both served as educators in the Scotland County School system, and certainly enhanced the education of many children. But more than this, they have given of themselves tirelessly to make a better life for those around them through various organizations and agencies in the community.

For 20 years (from 1979 to 1999), Julian served as Director of Programs for Exceptional Children in Scotland County Schools. He established a quality program designed to meet the needs of

the exceptional child in the county. He also founded the Special Olympics in Scotland County.

Julian also devoted a tremendous amount of time volunteering his services in Boy Scouts of America, serving in various capacities at the district, regional and local levels. He also served as director the Scotland County United Way, along with volunteering with the Scotland County Arts Council and Scotland County Group Homes.

Clara's involvement in community and civic organizations reads much the same way: She has served on the Pilot Club of Laurinburg as well as organizing the Alzheimer's Support Group at Scotland Memorial Hospital. She exhibits a firm commitment, an admirable leadership ability and the confidence to organize, plan and direct to get the job done.

Both Clara and Julian are active members of Laurinburg Presbyterian Church. Between them they have served as elder, deacon, Sunday School teacher, and Vacation Bible School director.

The Butlers are possibly best known in the community for their work with an agency called Concerned Citizens for the Rehabilitation of the Homeless of Scotland County. They have both been active volunteers for some time, and they manage the major fundraising unit for that group – The Helping Hand, a clothing and household item store in downtown Laurinburg. The two work at the store practically full-time. In fact, Julian had to ask someone to cover for him to be there with us today.

This store presents no small undertaking for the Butlers as they receive a continuous supply of donations. A host of volunteers assist in processing these items for sale and selling them, but the Butlers organize and execute the plan to make it happen. According to the volunteers, they always maintain a pleasant atmosphere in which to work.

St. Andrews is honored to recognize Clara and Julian Butler as the recipient of the Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award. I ask a Marshal to step forward and please escort the couple to the podium.

(Pause until honorees are standing on the podium. Present certificate, book and wrapped gift – note name is on bottom of giftwrapping.)