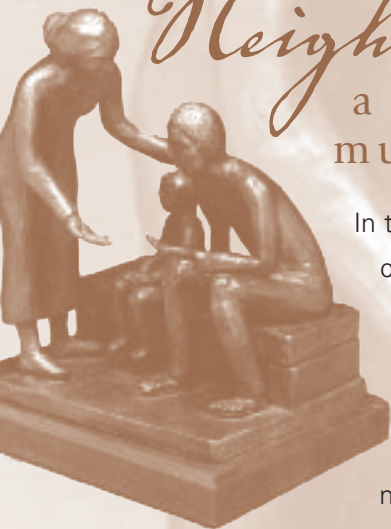


Roger Foussard Caring Neighbor Award

Caring Neighbor Award

The HealthEast Foundation Roger Foussard Caring Neighbor Award recognizes members of our community who are active volunteers and generous givers making a meaningful, positive impact on the health and well-being of St. Paul and the surrounding suburbs. Recipients are significantly involved in hands-on, community service activities and dedicated to improving the physical, emotional and spiritual health of the community. An original sculpture by Minnesota artist Theresa Bonnette is presented to the winner of this award.

Neighbor ... a word of much significance



In the Old Testament, the command to love your neighbor as yourself created a standard for how God's people should treat one another. Jesus further developed the meaning of "neighbor" in the parable of the Good Samaritan – when the one least expected to do so stopped to help a man in

**Original bronze sculpture
by Minnesota artist
Theresa Bonnette**

need. Jesus focused the understanding of "neighbor" beyond who should be offered care to how we respond to anyone in need. Responding to the need of another and doing so with compassion is to be a "caring neighbor."

– Reverend Scott Hinrichs,
HealthEast Vice President of Spiritual Care/Mission

Congratulations

Sister Marie de Paul Rochester, CSJ
2006 HealthEast Foundation
Roger Foussard Caring Neighbor
Award Honoree



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"All of us who know Sister Marie de Paul Rochester admire her in a lot of ways. She's one of those people whose spirit just seems to shine through."

- Rev. Scott Hinrichs

"She deserves it – the HealthEast Foundation Roger Foussard Caring Neighbor Award. I can't give her enough credit for all that she does for so many."

- Margret Trettel

"Her commitment to St. Joseph's is as strong today as it was fifty years ago."

- Phyllis Novitskie

"She's not only in the bricks and mortar, but the spirit of this hospital."

- Sister Geri Lane

"It's humbling to work with someone who's so passionate about her faith and her job. Her mind's always going."

- Christopher Reynolds

Neighbors reaching out to neighbors build a strong sense of community. Responding to the need of another and doing so with compassion is to be a "caring neighbor." The HealthEast Foundation Roger Foussard Caring Neighbor Award program, now in its thirteenth year, recognizes community spirit, hard work and the important role of volunteers and philanthropists in improving the health and well-being of our community.

Past HealthEast Foundation Roger Foussard Caring Neighbor Award recipients include: Tom and Kay Becken, Tom McLeod, Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet-St. Paul Province, Frank and Sherry Frattalone, Mayor Norm Coleman, Raeann Ruth, George Gossman, the Bernard and Jane Worth family, Veronica "Ronnie" Anderson, Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, Floyd Hanson and Richard J. Long.

Spend an hour with Sister Marie de Paul Rochester and you can see why she's the recipient of the 2006 HealthEast Foundation Roger Foussard Caring Neighbor Award – which honors outstanding volunteer efforts and unselfish generosity to improve the health of our community.

Sister Marie de Paul Rochester is one of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. One hundred and fifty-three years ago, the Sisters founded St. Joseph's Hospital, the very first hospital in Minnesota. Their expert care and compassion for patients with cholera set the tone for health care here in St. Paul.

Sister Marie de Paul Rochester spent nearly two decades of dedicated service as Administrator of St. Joseph's, starting in 1956. Under Sister Marie de Paul Rochester's leadership, St. Joseph's successfully underwent major building expansions in the 1950s and 1970s. Expanding a major downtown hospital and raising funds was certainly a challenge full of new experiences for this former nurse.

Today, it's an \$80-million dollar expansion project at St. Joseph's Hospital and Sister Marie de Paul Rochester is once again actively involved. She serves on the cabinet for the Building on our Mission Capital Campaign for St. Joseph's Hospital. Her passion for the hospital and health care are inspiring donors to step forward again and give generously.

Besides helping to build the future of St. Joseph's, Sister Marie de Paul Rochester is also helping to preserve the hospital's rich past through her ongoing volunteer work with the St. Joseph's Hospital archives. When she first got involved with the archives, valuable artifacts and books were just tossed into boxes. Sister Marie de Paul Rochester has helped to organize and categorize it all. Today, it's even available on the Internet for future generations to explore. Hospital visitors can also view artifacts lovingly displayed in the hospital lobby.

On the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph's, Sister Marie de Paul Rochester collaborated with Sister Roland Davey to write [150 Years of Caring at St. Joseph's Hospital](#). The Sisters felt there should be a permanent record of this hospital that has offered so many groundbreaking medical innovations throughout the decades.

Nowhere are Sister Marie de Paul Rochester's efforts more appreciated than in the lives of the individuals she touches, such as the retired Sisters who live at Bethany Convent Retirement Home. Here, Sister Marie de Paul Rochester calls upon her vast experience in health care and a compassionate listening ear to comfort those who are ill or to simply join others in meaningful moments of prayer.

Sister Marie de Paul Rochester has dedicated her life as a servant of God, to her beloved St. Joseph's Hospital and to her community.