

Tonight We Honor Frank B. Fuhrer, Jr. Distinguished Service Award

Frank B. Fuhrer, Jr. has said "In order to be a successful human being, you have to reach down and help those less fortunate than yourself... to give a portion of what you have acquired back to society." The people of the tri-state area know that Frank Fuhrer has done just that.

Frank's business success is well known throughout Pittsburgh. In 1966, he started a business that developed over 20 years into a holding company consisting of a master distributorship of Anheuser-Busch and Coors Beverages, Roffler Hair Products, Ridgeway Chemicals, and the Columbia Lincoln-Mercury automobile dealership.

Frank's passion for sports were expressed as the owner and motivating force behind the Pittsburgh Triangles Tennis team and the Pittsburgh Spirit Soccer team. Having successfully brought other professional sports to Pittsburgh, Frank decided to focus on professional golf in Pittsburgh. In forming the Family House Invitational Golf Tournament, Frank has been able to satisfy his passion for sports excellence and his desire for charitable service.

Since its inception in 1984, The Westinghouse-Family House Invitational has become the most successful Pro-am Charity Event of its kind. Each year this prestigious event allows the community to view the top-rated golfers in the world. Although the tournament winners roll call boasts the likes of U. S. Open Champion Curtis Strange and British Open Champion Ian Baker-Finch, the true winner is the Family House; benefiting from over \$1 million in proceeds over the past seven years. These proceeds allow the Family House to operate as a home away from home for adult patients and families who travel to Pittsburgh for critical medical care. This summer the Family House welcomed their 10,500th guest.

Frank Fuhrer extends his generosity to many others such as the Craig House, Shadyside Hospital, Allegheny College and countless other charities, fulfilling his long-standing commitment to the advancement of medicine and education.

As a major benefactor to the Tri-State Professional Golfers' Association, Frank Fuhrer has been an integral part of the advancement of golf in the tri-state area. Frank's commitment to this sport has helped to "Make Golf a Better Game" in the tri-state area.

On behalf of the entire golfing community, the members of the Tri-State Professional Golfers' Association honor Frank B. Fuhrer, Jr. with our first ever *Distinguished Service Award*.