

For the past twenty years, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows have not only financially supported the Eastern Pennsylvania Chapter, they have also provided hundreds of hours of their time speaking out on behalf of people affected by arthritis.

Whether Odd Fellows members were manning the phones at Arthritis Foundation Telethons or spending their time serving with the Odd Fellows Arthritis Committee, volunteers have always stepped up and given of their time.

Odd Fellows members donate and work to raise funds to support arthritis programs and services offered by the Arthritis Foundation. They have provided the Arthritis Foundation with quality volunteers at the past Mini Grand Prixs, by joining us for the Jingle Bell Runs, Arthritis Walks, Juvenile Arthritis Holiday Parties and Family Educational programs.

Through the continual efforts of the Odd Fellows lodges over the years, more than \$200,000 has been raised to support Camp JRA. Because of this generosity, hundreds of children have received the rewards of experiencing the Camp program. The Odd Fellows also come to Camp JRA every year to serve the campers ice cream on the opening night and to decorate the dining hall tied to the Camp theme that summer.

To truly reflect the long-lasting commitment of the Odd Fellows, we are proud to announce that this Financial Development Award will be re-named in future years to be called "The Independent Order of Odd Fellows Community Development Award."

Now I'd like to welcome Charles & Jane Danihel of the Odd Fellows to the stage to accept the Financial Development award.