THE PILLAR AWARD FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE was developed by Smart Business and Medical Mutual to honor businesses and individuals dedicated to making Northeast Ohio a better place to live. The program is designed to demonstrate the tie between the for-profit and nonprofit worlds and showcase best practices. It seeks to:

- Publicize the importance of community service issues, such as philanthropy and volunteerism;
- Share creative ideas about how companies have a positive impact in their communities;
- Honor companies and individuals who go beyond the minimum expectation of community service; and
- Build a sustaining fund, which provides grants for local nonprofit organizations in their efforts to build the workforce of tomorrow (The Pillar Fund).

FIVE DISTINCT AWARD CATEGORIES:

1. PILLAR AWARD Presented to for-profit businesses for their community service.
2. MEDICAL MUTUAL SHARE AWARD Presented to one company annually that best exemplifies employee-driven community service, philanthropy or volunteerism.
3. NONPROFIT BOARD EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR AWARD Honors contributions by for-profit business executives who serve on nonprofit boards.
4. NONPROFIT EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD Recognizes nonprofit executive directors who effectively apply for-profit business principles to their organizations.
5. KENT CLAPP CEO LEADERSHIP AWARD Recognizes the top executive of a for-profit company for creating a culture of giving.
What an awesome event last night! Really fantastic...the flow of the evening, the food, the fellowship....really amazing. Thank you for creating awareness for so many non-profit organizations, honoring local philanthropists and recognizing the good deeds of northeast Ohio companies.

MARK TRIPODI CORNERSTONE OF HOPE

What a great event. You all did a first class presentation. It is a real reality check for me to slow down for a moment and recognize what great support we do have in our community. Some really amazing people for sure. I was in tears a few times to say the least.

MARY ANN BEDNAR MERITECH
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