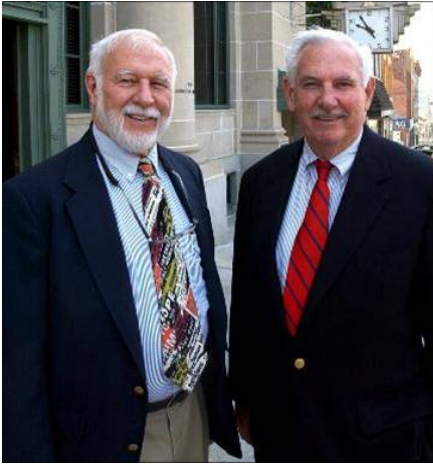




*Washington County Community Foundation
Philanthropist of the Year Award*

2002 Recipients- John L.S. Northrop and William B. Northrop



John and Bill Northrop have given generously of their financial resources as well as their time to numerous charitable organizations. Additionally, under their leadership, the *Observer Publishing Company* has supported, in significant ways, a multitude of worthy community causes.

Just a few of the local charitable organizations that have benefited from the Northrops' generosity include Washington & Jefferson College, United Way of Washington County, PA Trolley Museum, Washington City Mission, Washington Literacy Council, Mel Blount Youth Home, Peters Township Library, The Formation Academy, the ABCDE Fund, and the Washington County Community Foundation.

Until their retirement in June of this year, John and Bill were co-owners of the *Observer Reporter*, which celebrated 100 years of family ownership in July of this year. Both are graduates of Washington and Lee University and past Presidents of the Penn-

sylvania Newspapers Association (formerly known as Pennsylvania Newspaper Publishers Association).

John received the NAACP *Human Rights Award* in 1968, the Washington Jaycees *Distinguished Service Award* and *Philanthropist of the Year* by the National Society of Fundraising Professionals in Pittsburgh. He also received a honorary doctorate from W&J for community service in 1999, has been an active member of the Washington Rotary Club since 1960, and is a Founding Trustee of the Washington County Community Foundation. John resides with his wife, Rose McCutchan Northrop, in Washington.

Bill, a leading advocate for open public records under Pennsylvania's Sunshine Law, received the PNA *Ben Franklin Award* in 2000 and was the first recipient of PNA's *G. Richard Dew Award* for outstanding contributions to journalism. He also was the first recipient of the *League of Women Voters Service Award* in 1992, which he received again in 1999. Bill resides with his wife, Sally Davis Northrop, in Washington and Pinellas County, FL.

To honor their dedication to Washington County, the WCCF has created the ***Northrop Family Fund***, a donor-advised fund from which grants will be recommended by the Northrops.