

## WHO CARES? MOOBERRY CARES



*Pictured: David Mooberry*

The Chester County Community Foundation highlights the volunteerism of David Mooberry of Kennett Square, bestowing its Thanks for Caring Award to spotlight his outstanding commitment to community philanthropy. Through his leadership and spirited dedication to a variety of charitable causes, he has given tirelessly of his time and energy.

Dave Mooberry has been an active volunteer and philanthropist for over 40 years at nonprofits near to his heart in and around Chester County. Dave's interests span from wild bird rescue, to the arts, to quietly helping his wife, FM Mooberry, with her love of horticulture and native plants.

As a member of the Tri-State Bird Rescue and Research Board, Dave's leadership has helped the organization continue to be a leader in oil spill response, internationally recognized for its oiled bird rehabilitation and research.

Dave's spirited participation on the boards and committees of the People's Light & Theatre Company and the Kennett Symphony of Chester County has helped each of these cultural treasures, especially during times of exceptional transitions. He has been an especially wise and avid supporter of the Kennett Symphony as its programs grow at Longwood Gardens, West Chester and its new Lincoln University initiative.

As his wife FM's love of horticulture grew, so did Dave's support and encouragement. Not only did FM found the Native Plant and Landscape Conference in 1990, she discovered a plant in 2002 and it was selected as Perennial Plant of the Year by the Perennial Plant Association. In her husband's honor, FM named the plant Phlox p. "David." And recently, an Eastern species of foam flower was named F.M: the *Tiarella Cordifolia* 'FM Mooberry.'

Cecilia Ross, Chair of the Community Foundation's Legacy Awards Committee, notes, "Our mission is to grow philanthropy in Chester County. We help create charitable legacies so our community is an even more vibrant place to live, work, play and raise families for generations to come. Dave Mooberry uses his talents and energy to grow a sense of community spirit, now and forever."

