

The Robert A. Kasey, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award presented by Connecting Generations honors an individual(s) who has been a champion of the mission and vision of Connecting Generations: helping children and adults reach their full potential.

**The 10th Annual Robert A. Kasey, Jr. Lifetime Achievement Award
is presented to longtime Board members
Jane Maroney, Edward F. "Mike" Eaton, and James Patton, Sr.**



Pictured left to right: Jim Patton, Jane Maroney, Mike Eaton

Imagine a world in which the experiences and wisdom of all people — at all stages of their lives — are valued and celebrated, a world in which no one is left behind and no one is left out, a world in which young and old alike reach their fullest potential.

This was Founder Robert Kasey's vision for the organization he started in 1990, and this continues to be the vision of today's Connecting Generations. The 10th Annual Lifetime Achievement Award is being presented to three guardians of Mr. Kasey's dream: longtime Board members Jane Maroney, Mike Eaton, and Jim Patton. They are being honored not only for their long volunteer service to Connecting Generations, but mostly for their combined leadership during the challenging transition from the first generation of the organization known as Creative Grandparenting with excessive dependence on a few volunteers and dispersed leadership of several programs, to the current restructured, cohesive, sustainable organization now known as Connecting Generations. This transformation of the organization included consolidation of offices from three into one, finalizing a strategic plan, hiring a highly skilled executive director and qualified and enthusiastic staff, implementing a professional fund raising and communications plan, avoiding duplication of effort, and applying a synergistic approach between programs and a sharing of resources for the common mission. This successful transition set the foundation for a surge in Connecting Generations' ability to serve our communities through thoughtful expansion of our programs into new areas, greater partnering with other non profits and the guarantee that Connecting Generations will survive well into the future.

These three committed Board members have worked over the past two decades to engage each other and the public to carry out Mr. Kasey's legacy and to revitalize and restructure Connecting Generations. This 10th annual award comes at a time of transition of leadership to a new Board and staff who have joined Jane, Mike, and Jim and have accepted the challenge of this important dream. Jane, Mike, and Jim have passed the torch to the next guardians of Mr. Kasey's vision with honor and humility, and we honor their legacy along with Mr. Kasey's.