

# 6 HONORED FOR PHILANTHROPY WORK

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A teenager from Ulster County who raises money for epilepsy support and research was among those honored Wednesday by the Association of Fundraising Professionals.

The Mid-Hudson Chapter of the AFP hosted a seminar, luncheon and awards ceremony at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel. About 165 people attended, event co-chairwoman Gail Orser said.

The purpose is to recognize people in the community who support philanthropy, said Orser, who works as director of major-giving field operations for the Salvation Army.

"There are five different awards for different aspects of philanthropy," she said. "Philanthropy has shaped our society," said AFP chapter President Serena Marrero, director of development for Abilities First.

The Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy award was given to Gardiner resident Sara-Elizabeth Clark, 15, who began fundraising when she was 10. She has raised more than \$60,000 toward services that support people affected by epilepsy, including through her website, [itsnotwhoiam.com](http://itsnotwhoiam.com).

Clark said when she started fundraising, "so many people had little or no understanding of what epilepsy was."

Kathleen Weber of the Orange Regional Medical Center Foundation presented the award for Outstanding Philanthropist to Don and Kathy Frommer of Orange County for their support of the medical center.

The Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer award went to Elizabeth Peale Allen, chairwoman of Guideposts, daughter of its founders Norman Vincent Peale and Ruth Stafford Peale, and president of the board of trustees at Trinity Pawling School in Pawling.

"It is with my deepest gratitude that I accept this award," said Allen, who is credited with raising capital to endow the Ruth Stafford Peale Prayer Power Network, a prayer ministry program.

Rich Gottlieb, owner of Rock & Snow on Main Street in New Paltz, was presented with the Leadership Award in Corporate Philanthropy for his efforts to protect the Shawangunk Ridge.

Orser presented her boss, J. Douglas McDaniel, director of special gifts for the Salvation Army Eastern Territory, with the Outstanding Fundraising Professional award.

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Sara-Elizabeth Clark, 15, of Gardiner, accepts an award as the Mid-Hudson Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP) present awards to philanthropists Wednesday, November 10, 2010 at the Poughkeepsie Grand Hotel in the City of Poughkeepsie.



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**AWARD RECIPIENTS**  
**Central Hudson Award for Outstanding Philanthropist:**  
Don and Kathy Frommer

**Outstanding Fundraising Volunteer:** Elizabeth Peale Allen, Guideposts

**Leadership Award Corporate Philanthropy:** Rich Gottlieb, Rock & Snow

**Outstanding Fundraising Professional:** J. Douglas McDaniel, Salvation Army

**Ulster Savings Bank Award for Outstanding Youth in Philanthropy:** Sara-Elizabeth Clark, [www.itsnotwhoiam.com](http://www.itsnotwhoiam.com)