



# Interdependence Day 2009

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## **2009 Interdependence Day Award**

**Scranton, PA**—Michael Hanley, United Neighborhood Centers recently received the 2009 World Citizen Interdependence Day Award from The Greater Scranton Interdependence Day Committee.

Rose Mary Broderick, co-chairman Interdependence Day, stated that the purpose of the award is to provide a format to publicly recognize outstanding leadership and the contributions of individuals closely connected with Interdependence and its practice, to increase awareness and understanding of the importance of interdependence in our community.

Ms Broderick remarks included that this prestigious award reflects a variety of ways which exemplify the spirit of interdependence....a commitment to embrace all people and to take responsibility for them, whether it is at the local, regional, national or global levels. Past recipients include the Honorable William Scranton, Federal Judge Tom Vanaskie, Sr. Margaret Gannon and Keystone College President Ned Boehm.

“Michael Hanley, has demonstrated a remarkable ability to unite neighbors throughout our area with the objective of building a more humane and viable future for our region,” remarks Ms. Broderick. She also stated that our honoree has demonstrated a vision and responsiveness to assess the needs of low income families; he has worked with the youth and senior citizens of our community to provide them with the tools necessary to integrate into the community and attain self sufficiency. Through Mr. Hanley leadership, his organization provides services and creates opportunities which empower individuals to build strong interdependent communities. He is proactive, innovative and steadfast in addressing the needs of the hungry, assisting immigrants, homeowners at risk of foreclosure, and children who need support to build their capacity and much more.

Sondra Myers, co-founder of Interdependence Day movement noted Mr. Hanley's knowledge and advocacy are the gifts which have enabled him to address our 21<sup>st</sup> century challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century ways.

Ms. Broderick presented the "2009 World Citizen Award" to Michael Hanley, Executive Director of the United Neighborhood Centers.

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Photo: Left to Right:

Kevin Klose, Dean of the Philip Merrill, College of Journalism at the University of Maryland. Reverend Mary Jane Hitt, Pastor of Providence Presbyterian United Church, Scranton, Sondra Myers, co-founder of Interdependence Day; Michael Hanley, 2009 World Citizen Award winner; Susan Hanley, Kathryn Holod and Rose Mary Broderick co-chairpersons for 2009 Interdependence Day Committee.