

Chatham's Richard Morgano Named Philanthropy Partners' Outstanding Volunteer

by Jennifer Sexton

"When you volunteer, you do it for others, but it is nice to be recognized," says Richard Morgano of Chatham. "In the world of philanthropy, I'm just a little guy helping out in some small way for families to have a better life."

Morgano was selected by the Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands (PPCI) to receive the 2015 Distinguished Service to Philanthropy Award as Outstanding Volunteer. Each year, through a public nomination process, PPCI selects a person who has demonstrated exceptional leadership skills and outstanding philanthropic commitment through fundraising efforts and/or coordinating community involvement to benefit Cape Cod and the Islands. Morgano's long volunteer history and steadfast support of the nonprofit sector on Cape Cod were cited by the PPCI as factors supporting his selection for the honor.

The award was presented to Morgano in November at the PPCI's Philanthropy Day on Cape Cod Luncheon at the Resort and Conference Center in Hyannis.

Morgano explains that his dedication to volunteering began after his mother-in-law passed away from Alzheimer's disease.

"I vowed to my wife that when I completed my full-time career (I have this aversion to the R-word) that I would volunteer for an Alzheimer's organization," said Morgano in his acceptance speech at the luncheon event.

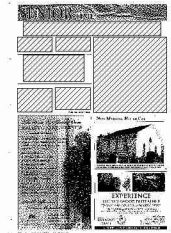
After finishing his career, or his "Act I," as Morgano calls it, a conversation with a neighbor, Richard Brothers, then-president and CEO of the Cape and Islands United Way, led to an introduction to Alzheimer's Services of Cape Cod and the Islands Executive Director Alisa Galazzi. (The organization has since joined forces with Hope Dementia and Alzheimer's Services.) Morgano soon became the chair of the Miles of Memories Walk and a member of the board of directors, and

has remained on the board ever since.

"Alzheimer's is such a debilitating disease, and I have heard many more stories since I became associated with the organization," Morgano says.

Morgano's volunteer work over the years has also included work with Habitat for Humanity, which he describes as very gratifying. Despite his aversion to the dreaded "R-word," Morgano is a former moderator for the Chatham Retired Men's Association, and presently serves as the organization's Chairman of the executive committee.

"I'd like to invite everyone to save the date of Aug. 18 for the sixth year of the Hope Dementia and Alzheimer's Services Celebrate Summer Memories event," Morgano says. "It is so special to me that the money we raise from these events helps families deal with this terrible disease. I think my mother-in-law would be proud."

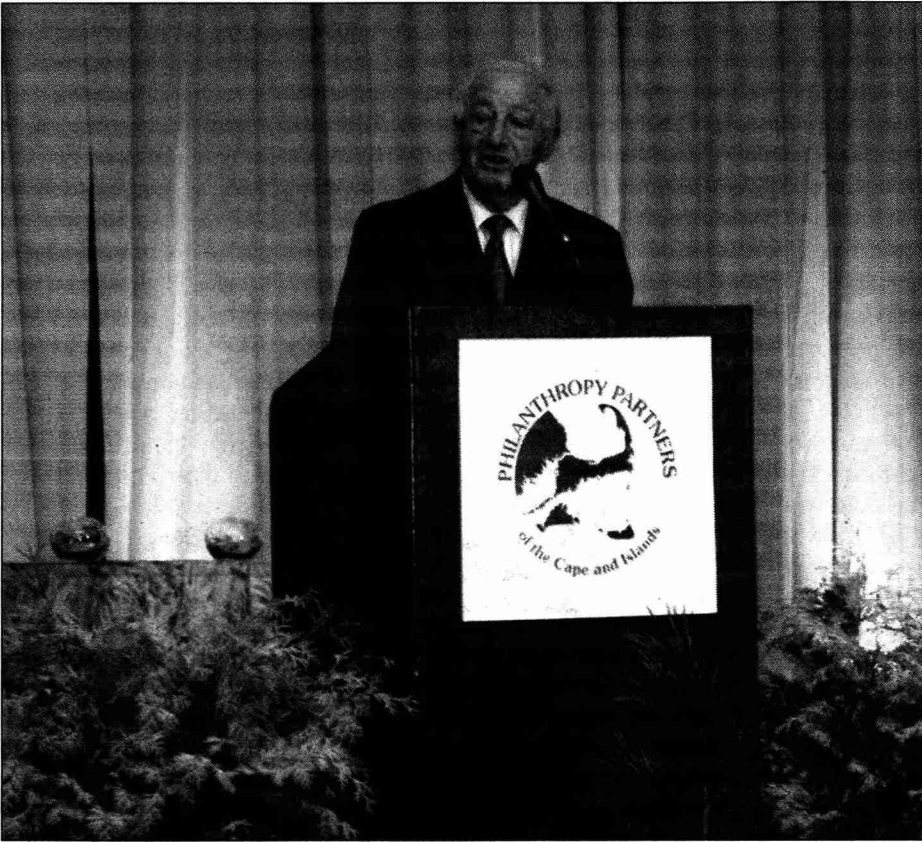


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Barbara Milligan, president and CEO of the Cape and Islands United Way, presents the Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands 2015 Distinguished Service to Philanthropy Outstanding Volunteer award to Richard Morgano of Chatham. COURTESY PHOTOS



Richard Morgano shares a few words with attendees of the Philanthropy Partners of the Cape and Islands' Philanthropy Day on Cape Cod Luncheon about his dedication to volunteering.