

## **RICHARD L. MCELDOWNEY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP**

Mac's Irish Bash is the sole fundraiser for the McEldowney Academic Scholarship Fund. The scholarship fund is in memory of Dick McEldowney, who was lovingly known by all simply as "Mac." Mac was a civic leader who believed strongly in living a life of service. Upon graduating from Altoona Area High School Mac began his adult life by serving our country in the United States Marine Corps. He returned to Altoona, attended Penn State Altoona and began a career in civil engineering.

Mac served our community as an Altoona City Council member from 1980 until 1984. He served as a board member on the Altoona Housing Authority, the Altoona Zoning Board, the AMED Board, and the Pennsylvania Economy League. He served as president of American Society of Highway Engineers. He was a committee person for the Pennsylvania state and Blair County Democratic Party. He also served as president of the Knights of Equity. He enthusiastically volunteered his time as a youth football coach for the Altoona Parochial League. He also devotedly served his Catholic faith and belonged to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Lakemont.


Mac never hesitated to lend his talents, energy and passion to so many causes and pursuits. With a wide grin, a laugh and a pat on the back, he could make life's obstacles seem manageable. Along the way he touched many lives—young and old. Mac's door—as well as his heart—was always open to those wanting to enter.

Following the overwhelming outpouring of love and support after Mac's passing in 2003, we knew that his life's work could continue and his memory would live on eternally. The committee established this scholarship in memoriam—so that they could continue his legacy of influencing young people in our community.

### **CRITERIA**

***AMOUNT \$1000 x 2 (one awarded to a female student, one to a male student)***

- Total household income between \$40,000 and \$100,000.
- Must have completed 25 hours of documented community service.
- Must have a minimum grade equivalent to an 85%.

If you meet the criteria above, please fill out the Scholarship Application and place a checkmark  in the box to the left of the *Richard L. McEldowney Academic Scholarship*.

**DUE BY MARCH 1st @ 3:00 PM TO THE OFFICE OF WORK BASED LEARNING**

#### *1. General Scholarship Application*