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***Outstanding
Philanthropist
Edward St. John***

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National Philanthropy Day, a program of the Association of Fundraising Professionals, pays tribute to the invaluable contributions that philanthropy has made to our personal lives, our nation, and our world. It acknowledges the entire spectrum of services provided by the nonprofit community and recognizes the profound impact that philanthropy has on the quality of our lives and the fabric of our society.

AFP-Maryland is proud to recognize the great contributions of philanthropy and those people active in the philanthropic community. Through this annual event, we encourage all people to rededicate themselves to the principle of giving.

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Dr. Edward St. John brings to philanthropy the same commitment that helped him build one of the region's largest and most successful commercial real estate firms. He has impacted the state economically through his successful company, as a leader through his public service, and philanthropically through his generosity.

In 1971 he started St. John Properties, which now owns and manages over 17 million square feet of real estate (retail, research and development, office, warehouse and residential) in Maryland, Northern Virginia, Colorado, Louisiana, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. Valued at more than \$2 billion, the company services more than 1,700 tenants.

"It is what he does with this success that makes St. John exceptional," *Corridor Inc.* magazine noted upon naming him its 2009 Person of the Year. He has a proven commitment to giving back in communities in which there is a corporate presence. The company donates 7.5 percent of its annual net income to charitable causes.

In 1998 St. John established the Edward St. John Foundation, a separate 501(c)(3). Its mission, "to provide financial assistance to formal education programs through the high school level," is based on St. John's belief that "education has the power to transform lives and strengthen communities." Through his foundation, the Baltimore, Maryland, native has donated and pledged more than \$46 million to support local nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. His generosity has had a pivotal impact, providing students with opportunities to place them on the path to success.



Edward St. John, Hon. D.P.S.

Long recognized for his outstanding accomplishments, St. John has received many honors and awards. In May 2012 he was awarded a Doctor of Public Service from his alma mater, the University of Maryland, where he earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering in 1961. He has been named "Maryland Entrepreneur of the Year," received lifetime achievement awards from numerous groups and been awarded admission to Halls of Fame in Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties.

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His interest and involvement in education are more than just financial. St. John chairs the board of trustees at the Maryland Academy of Sciences/Maryland Science Center. He serves on a number of other boards, including the University of Maryland Baltimore County-Alex Brown Center for Entrepreneurship, The Johns Hopkins University Real Estate Institute, University of Maryland Medical Center R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Center, among others.