

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Justin T. Rogers, Jr.



The lifetime achievements of Justin T. Rogers, Jr., can be seen in the strength of the numerous area nonprofits that have benefited from his generosity, advocacy, leadership and never-ending dedication to making life better for our community during the past 60 years.

Justin took over as president of Ohio Edison in 1980 at a crucial time in the organization's history. Working with his senior management team, he led the company through major transitions and put the utility on a path to prosperity and substantial growth. Throughout his tenure, he devoted considerable time to public service. He chaired a number of nonprofit boards, led fundraising campaigns and established the principle that community involvement should also be a priority for the company. FirstEnergy is still a leader in corporate volunteerism and philanthropy today thanks to his examples.

In the early 1990's, Justin's humanitarianism impacted the lives of local people again. He agreed to chair a campaign to raise funds to build the first freestanding in-patient hospice facility in Northeast Ohio. Under his leadership, the campaign raised several million dollars, and the 26-bed hospice—the Cleveland Clinic Akron General Justin T. Rogers Hospice Care Center—has now served more than 25,000 patients since its completion.

Justin Rogers certainly deserves this lifetime achievement award since his leadership has built a better and more compassionate life for us all, both in the corporate world and in this community.

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