

THE 2003 WANSBORO AWARD RECIPIENTS

The Alumnae Association proudly presents the 2003 Wansboro Award to Mary Jo and Chip Dawson, partners who daily manifest confidence and trust in the Sacred Heart of Jesus through their active involvement for the betterment of their community and the Academy of the Sacred Heart.

While still a student at our school, Mary Jo understood the lesson that Sister Katherine Wansboro, Sister Cora McLaughlin, Sister Susan Maxwell and the other Religious of the Sacred Heart were giving her: "to help others but still be respectful of their needs." As a mother, tireless community volunteer, and college counselor at the Academy, Mary Jo exemplifies a woman educated in accordance with the *Goals and Criteria* of Sacred Heart



Mary Jo Slavsky Dawson⁶⁵ and Chip Dawson

Schools first outlined by St. Madeleine Sophie Barat. Mary Jo's education encouraged her to be a powerful woman, who positively affects lives, and is committed to doing so. With limitless spirit, she trusts her God to bring success to her undertakings.

Chip is also a former student at the Academy, the son of an alumna, and the father of four graduates of Sacred Heart. His Sacred Heart heritage, the loving atmosphere at the Academy, and the education given to his children have led Chip to share in the mission of Katherine Wansboro, RSCJ to develop this "House Built on Confidence" to its fullest potential. He has served on the Board of Trustees and co-chaired the first capital campaign at the Academy.

Through example and gentle encouragement, Mary Jo and Chip show their children - Jessica, Emily, Maggie, and Joe - that whatever they do to improve society will improve them as persons as well. Faith has been paramount in the partnership of Mary Jo and Chip - faith in the Sacred Heart of Jesus, faith in themselves, faith in each other, and faith in their ability to impact lives. As a couple, Mary Jo and Chip Dawson give witness to a social awareness that impels to action.

With sincere thanks for their example, leadership, and energy, the Alumnae Association proudly honors Mary Jo and Chip Dawson.