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E. Philip Saunders - 2018 Inductee



E. Philip (Phil) Saunders was born in Rochester, NY and graduated from East High School in 1956. He has resided in the town of Ossian since the early 1980's.

Mr. Saunders' leadership qualities can be seen in his numerous entrepreneurial endeavors. In 1958, his vision to improve the trucking industry started with his father's meager gas station in Henrietta and evolved into the nation's largest chain of truck stops, known as TravelCenters of America. He is the founder of a number of notable local companies, including Genesee Regional Bank, Truck Stops of America (later TravelCenters of America, Inc.), Griffith Energy, and the Sugar Creek Corporation (operator of the Sugar Creek stores). As president and CEO of Saunders Management Co., Mr. Saunders has ownership interests in several other local companies and was a former

partner in both Swain Ski & Snowboard Center and Bristol Harbour Resort. Not only do these businesses provide vital resources to our area, they employ hundreds of residents while improving the quality of life for our region.

While overseeing his own business ventures, Mr. Saunders has volunteered countless hours as a member of the Board of Directors for several area companies, medical facilities, educational institutions and charitable organizations. More notably, Mr. Saunders' philanthropic endeavors can be seen throughout the region in both medical and educational institutions. He financed the Noyes Hospital's Surgical Center in 2006, and was the lead donor for the Mary Saunders Beiermann Emergency Department that opened in 2014. Both investments provide a critical resource to our region. Mr. Saunders is also responsible for establishing the Saunders Research Building at the University of Rochester Medical Center, as well as Saunders College of Business at the Rochester Institute of Technology with a \$13 million commitment. Locally, Mr. Saunders continues to award tuition scholarships for Livingston County students to attend Saunders College of Business. In 2011, when Dansville Central School District was faced with a fiscal crisis that threatened school programs, Mr. Saunders organized a coalition to provide after-school programs for at-risk students. This program called EnCompass continues to provide educational support and real world, hands-on learning for students at no cost to families or taxpayers.

The positive impact of Mr. Saunders' economic and charitable efforts in the region are immense and will surely improve the lives of its residents for decades to come.