

Founder's Day



ST. BARNABAS CHARITIES

Hance Awardees and Guest Speakers

- 2025 Jimmy Failla**, Radio and TV Host, Comedian and Author
- 2024 Joey Jones**, Marine Veteran, Military Analyst, Author
- 2023 Ben Stein**, Economist, entertainer, author
- 2022 Herschel Walker**, Legendary athlete, business owner and author
- 2019 George Will**, Columnist The Washington Post
- 2018 Judge Andrew P. Napolitano** Judge New Jersey Superior Court 1987-1995
- 2017 Rudy Giuliani** 107th Mayor of New York City 1994-2001
- 2016 Paul O'Neill** 72nd U.S. Secretary of Treasury; Chairman, CEO, ALCOA 1987-2000
- 2015 Dr. Charles Krauthammer** Pulitzer prize-winning syndicated columnist, author, physician & political commentator
- 2014 Mike Huckabee** 44th Arkansas Governor, political commentator
- 2013 Thomas J. Ridge** 43rd Pennsylvania Governor, 1st U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security
- 2012 Rev. Dr. Anthony Campolo** Minister, professor, author
- 2011 Rocky Bleier** Pittsburgh Steeler 1968, 1970-80, author, U.S. Veteran
- 2010 Dr. Patch Adams** Medical doctor, author, clown
- 2009 General Chuck Yeager** Aviation legend, U.S. Veteran
- 2008 Debbie Reynolds** Award-winning actress
- 2007 Dr. Edwin J. Feulner Jr.** President, Heritage Foundation
- 2006 Newt Gingrich** 50th Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives
- 2005 Michael Reagan** Radio talk show host
- 2004 Louis J. Freeh** 5th Director of the FBI, U.S. District Court Judge
- 2003 General Alexander M. Haig** U.S. Army General (Ret.) 59th U.S. Secretary of State
- 2002 Rev. Dr. Robert H. Schuller** Author, "The Hour of Power" host
- 2001 Dr. Tom Sutherland** Professor, Beirut hostage 1985-91
- 2000 Dr. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin** NASA astronaut, entrepreneur, U.S. Veteran
- 1998 Steve Allen** 1st "Tonight Show" host, musician
- 1997 Charlton Heston** Academy Award-winning actor
- 1999 William J. Bennett 3rd** U. S. Secretary of Education, social commentator, political analyst
- 1996 Willard Scott** NBC's "Today Show" weatherman
- 1995 Barbara Bush** First Lady 1989-1993
- 1994 Vice President Dan Quayle** 44th U.S. Vice President
- 1993 Art Linkletter** Television and radio host
- 1992 C. Andrew Russell** Pittsburgh Steeler 1963-76
- 1991 Dr. Richard M. Cyert** President Emeritus, Carnegie Mellon University
- 1990 Rev. Dr. Norman Vincent Peale** "Power of Positive Thinking" author
- 1989 David Roderick** CEO of USX/United States Steel
- 1988 Elsie Hillman** American civic and political leader
- 1987 Richard Thornburgh** 41st Pennsylvania Governor, U.S. Attorney General 1988-91
- 1986 Fred Rogers** "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" creator
- Founder's Day Main Speakers**
- 1986 Terry Bradshaw** Pittsburgh Steeler 1970-83
- 1985 John Parisi** KDKA-TV meteorologist
- 1984 H. John Heinz III** U.S. Senator 1977-91, U.S. Representative 1971-77
- 1983 President Gerald R. Ford** 38th U.S. President
- 1982 Bill Monroe** NBC's "Meet the Press" moderator
- 1981 Jack Anderson** Syndicated newspaper columnist
- 1980 Gilbert Love** Pittsburgh Press columnist

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Gouverneur Provoost Hance

With a history dating to 1900, St. Barnabas Health System takes time to remember its selfless and visionary founder, Gouverneur Provoost Hance.

Each year the Hance Award, St. Barnabas' highest honor, is presented to a person of national acclaim who exemplifies Hance's ideals of benevolence, patriotism and service to others.