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ED BIDELSPACH TO RECEIVE SAFE HARBOUR'S LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE AWARD

Ed Bidelspach, Assistant Vice President at F&M Trust and Cumberland County community leader, has been selected to receive Safe Harbour's 2017 Leadership Through Service Award. The award will be presented to Bidelspach during Safe Harbour's "Night Without A Tux" fundraising gala on Saturday, Feb. 18.

The Leadership Through Service Award was established by Safe Harbour's Board of Directors to recognize outstanding and dynamic leadership through service to the citizens and the communities of Cumberland County. The award is presented to individuals or organizations that exhibit excellence in leadership that, by example and effort, provides programs, funding and services to support initiatives and organizations that work to improve the lives of Cumberland County residents in need of assistance.

Bidelspach previously served six years on Safe Harbour's Board of Directors, including two years as Chair of the Board. During his tenure, he was responsible for advocating Safe Harbour's mission to the community. Additionally, he assisted Safe Harbour in receiving more than \$75,000 in community donations from individuals, organizations and businesses.

In addition to his service with Safe Harbour, Bidelspach currently is a member of the Board of Directors for Carlisle C.A.R.E.S. and the Charles Bruce Foundation. He previously was a member of the Board of Directors for the Salvation Army of Carlisle and the Downtown Carlisle Association, where he served two terms as Chair of the Board and as Co-Chair of the Ford and Corvette Parades for several years.

Bidelspach currently serves as Vice President of the Carlisle Borough Planning Commission. He also is a member of the Carlisle Elks Lodge #578 and a past Board member of the Carlisle Chamber of Commerce

"Ed Bidelspach has given and continues to give so much to the Carlisle area and Cumberland County. His deep commitment to helping those in need and his diligent support of Safe Harbour's mission of service exemplifies the values that we strive to recognize with the Leadership Through Service Award," said Paul Strizzi, Chair of Safe Harbour's Board of Directors. "His extensive and notable history of public service has advanced Cumberland County in many positive ways."

Wendell Hollinger, president of Safe Harbour said, "Ed Bidelspach has been a remarkable advocate and a significant supporter of Safe Harbour. I am honored to count him as a friend. Ed gives tirelessly of his time and expertise to help many community organizations and groups. His service on our Board marked growth and success for the organization."

“I am deeply grateful and humbled to receive this recognition,” Bidelspach said. “It is an honor to be recognized for assisting those in need and for serving the community.”

The “Night Without A Tux” gala raises funds to support Safe Harbour’s mission of providing housing and supportive services for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families to help them achieve independent living by increasing their basic life skills. The event also features dinner, music and dancing with Jazz Me, and a Silent Auction. Tickets are \$65 per person for the event and may be purchased three ways:

- Online at Safe Harbour’s Web site, www.safeharbour.org;
- Via e-mail at info@safeharbour.org; or
- By calling Safe Harbour at 717-249-2200

Safe Harbour provides a continuum of housing services for homeless and nearly homeless individuals and families. Safe Harbour’s services include operating an emergency shelter for families and single females who are in desperate need of a secure place to live and an environment to begin getting their lives under control; bridge housing that helps individuals and families in need of longer-term assistance to continue acquiring the skills necessary for independent living and a productive life style; and single-room-occupancy (SRO) permanent housing facilities that offer housing opportunities to single individuals who are ready for independent living, but need additional “life support.”

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