

Distinguished Achievement Citation

Donald Shaw

Class of 1969

With this presentation of Ohio Wesleyan University's Distinguished Achievement Citation, the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni Association Board of Directors is honored to recognize **Donald Shaw** for his humanitarian efforts and commitment to bettering his hometown.

Donald graduated from OWU in 1969 and earned his Masters in Public Administration from the University of Hartford in 1977. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

Donald enjoyed a 23 year career with Accenture, serving as Senior Executive and Associate Partner until 2003. From 2003 to 2010, he served as Chief Operating Officer and Administrative Operations Officer for the City of Hartford. He was recognized by the Connecticut Town and City Managers Associations for betterment of Hartford and the entire state of Connecticut, received an award from Governor Jodi Rell for ongoing commitment to make Hartford a better place, and was also invited to serve on the Governor's Commission on Equity and Excellence in Education.

For the past 20 years, Donald has been the Chair of the Hartford Habitat for Humanity Board of Directors. Under his leadership, an estimated 40-45 building projects in the Hartford area have been completed. This includes Swift Village, a 30 home community in Hartford northeast neighborhood. The project had over 15,000 volunteers during a three year period, providing homes for 180 families. Additionally, he founded the South Marshall Faith Coalition, a group that worked with faith and community groups, including Habitat for Humanity, to revitalize Hartford's Asylum Hill neighborhood. Donald has also participated in several international Habitat for Humanity efforts in South Africa, Mexico, and India, among others.

Donald is a board member and secretary of Heads Up! Hartford, an urban and suburban youth organization building positive relations among youth of diverse backgrounds through leadership development and community service. He's also a board member of Journey Home, an organization designed to end homelessness in Hartford.

It is with great appreciation and admiration that we award Donald Shaw the Distinguished Achievement Citation for his decades of work to improve his city and state.

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