

The Association of Donor Relations Professionals  
Founder's Award

is hereby presented to  
**Joseph J. Donnelly, Jr.**

Joe Donnelly, we honor you as the recipient of the 2009 ADRP Founder's Award, the highest award bestowed by the Association. The Founder's Award recognizes individuals who have had a significant and inspiring impact on the donor relations profession and who exemplify specific ideals of dedication to the profession.

It is hard to know where to begin in detailing everything that you have done to advance this profession. You spearheaded the efforts that led to the introduction of the New England Stewardship Conference, the outgrowth of which is ADRP. In 2004 you served as ADRP's first president. During your tenure, the organization developed bylaws and a strategic plan, launched the website and *The Hub* monthly newsletter and hosted both regional workshops and its first International Conference.

Due to your vision and leadership, ADRP is now considered the group for donor relations and stewardship professionals and membership in the Association has grown to over 600 members worldwide.

You have dedicated 25 years to the advancement field, building up a breadth of knowledge in research, donor relations, fundraising and strategic planning – and accomplished all this while holding positions at Harvard, Brandeis and in your current position as Executive Director of Advancement Services and Strategic Planning at Northeastern University.

As a champion of professional organizations that support and recognize important aspects of Advancement, you were founding president of the New England Development Research Association (NEDRA) and an active member of the American Prospect Research Association (APRA). You are known as a top notch speaker and have presented at many regional and national conferences.

Friends and colleagues know you as outspoken, outgoing, outrageous and outstanding. A true Renaissance man, you are a stickler for good table manners, good clothes, good food and good art. Those closest to you think you are a "honey of a guy" and that's not just because you also raise bees!

Joe, you make us proud of our profession and this professional association. Your energy and enthusiasm are contagious, and your compassionate nature reflects the essential values of donor relations and stewardship. On behalf of the membership, the ADRP Board of Directors is pleased and proud to honor you with the ADRP Founder's Award.



Nancy McKinney, President

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