**The Margaretta Belin Chamberlin Award**

In 1992, the Chamberlin family established an Award under the auspices of the Scranton Area Foundation, to honor the memory of Margaretta Belin Chamberlin - a woman whose creative responses to human concerns enriched and improved the lives of people within her community.

Her example inspired others to risk and reach out for solutions beyond common boundaries. She demonstrated passion and persistence in all her endeavors, enhancing her life and transforming her relationships.

This special Award will be presented annually to a woman whose vision, dedication and courage has enhanced the quality of life and expanded the opportunities for the people within her community; and whose creative interests, energies and service to others have contributed substantially to the betterment of her community.

The Award may be used by the recipient for the purpose of enhancing her role as a community leader interested in improving the quality of life in Lackawanna County. Nominations for the Margaretta Belin Chamberlin Award may be made by any charitable organization or submitted by individuals.

Anyone seeking more information on the Margaretta Belin Chamberlin Award may contact the Scranton Area Foundation.

### **Margaretta Belin Chamberlin**

### 1916-1990

**“So long as we love, we serve”**

A favorite quotation of Margaretta Chamberlin… the philosophy on which she patterned her life.

Born in Scranton on April 13, 1916, a daughter of Margery Jenks and G. d’Andelot Belin, Margaretta Belin Chamberlin derived the greatest satisfaction from enriching the lives of those around her.

She received her formal education at the Scranton Country Day School, Miss Hall’s School in Pittsfield, MA, the Sorbonne, Paris and Bryn Mawr College. As adoring mother of five children — Margery C. Edmundson, William L. Chamberlin, Jr., Kathleen C. Graff, Alice Chamberlin, and Ann C. Reilly—as well as grandmother of nine, Margaretta showed that an active role in the community never had to compromise close family ties.

She approached each facet of her life with remarkable passion...established a legacy of dedication, sincerity, leadership and generosity that will enhance our community far into the future.

A strong advocate of education, Margaretta never lost her thirst for knowledge nor her belief in the importance it plays in each person’s ability to grow to the fullest. As a trustee of Keystone College for over 20 years, she held a variety of leadership positions within the college before becoming interim president from 1985 to 1987.

Her work for the church was approached with no less enthusiasm, serving in numerous capacities while a member of St. Luke’s Episcopal Church.

Community service was as natural to Margaretta as breathing. Beginning with her appointment to the Friendship House board, she has left an indelible mark on the organizations like the Junior League of Scranton, the United Way, the Waverly Community House, the American Red Cross and the Everhart Museum. Recognizing her unusual dedication and achievement, the Amos Lodge of B’nai B’rith chose her as the recipient of their 1990 Americanism Award.

Local artistic and cultural organizations also benefited by Margaretta’s ardor. In addition to her many board positions, she became one of the driving forces behind the establishment of the Lucan Center for the Arts, serving as its first president.

Showing its appreciation, the community she served awarded Margaretta Chamberlin with countless awards—the Junior League of Scranton’s Margaret L. Richards Award for outstanding community service, the Distinguished Service Award from the Keystone College Alumni Association, and the Sanger Award for her work with Planned Parenthood are but a few. She was named a Distinguished Daughter of Pennsylvania as well as receiving an Honorary Doctorate of Law degree from the University of Scranton.

When describing Margaretta Belin Chamberlin, certain phrases echo: intense loyalty; inner strength; a deep love of family, friends and community; and an inexhaustible quest for knowledge.

Margaretta met each day with an inner spirituality and a strong sense of purpose, allowing her to visualize answers where others saw obstacles… to be down in the trenches rather than up in the grandstand… and to consistently meet adversity with grace and humor.

That is how she will always be remembered.

**MARGARETTA BELIN CHAMBERLIN AWARD**

... a fund of the Scranton Area Foundation

**Nomination Form**

(Please type or print clearly)

**\*\*Please Note: This form and any attached material will be the basis on which your nominee will be considered.**

**Your candidate will have the greatest chance for success if you respond to all questions and provide current information.**

**Deadline for Nominations – August 1, 2019**

Name of Nominee

Title

Institution

Street AddressEMail

CityStateZip

Telephone Number: Work: ( )

Home: ( )

Date of BirthPlace of Birth

**Major Community Accomplishments (Professional, Community, Service, etc.):**

**Honors:**

**In the Space Below Please State Why You Believe the Nominee Meets the Qualifications for the Award:**

Name of Nominator:

Title and Organizational Affiliation:

Street AddressEMail

CityStateZip

Telephone Number: ( )

**Please mail this form, curriculum vitae of the nominee and any supplemental material to:**

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Submit electronically at [dhunter@safdn.org](mailto:dhunter@safdn.org)

\*\*Please submit nomination material in reproducible 8 1/2" x 11" format.