

Each year, People Incorporated invests millions of dollars in communities throughout Virginia to provide opportunities for people to reach their goals in order to enhance their lives, their families and their communities. For the past 53 years, People Incorporated has promoted the dignity of individuals and families and has helped to move thousands of people into the economic mainstream.

Yet, we know that this work cannot be accomplished without the dedication, commitment, and talents of a countless number of community leaders, advocates and volunteers. To help recognize and celebrate these contributions to the communities that we serve, People Incorporated annually requests nominations for *The Garland Thayer Award* and *The Henderson Award* from community stakeholders to identify individuals and groups whose achievements embody the agency's commitment to building futures and realizing dreams for low-income people and communities.

### **The Garland Thayer Award**

Garland Thayer was People Incorporated's founding Executive Director. Initially hired as an elementary school principal in the small Washington County community of Hayter's Gap, Mr. Thayer's vision, leadership and dedication to the community led to the agency's founding and the beginning of many of the programs, services, and philosophies that characterize People Incorporated still today. The Garland Thayer Award is awarded to an individual who, in the course of their employment or paid position with an organization, has made a significant contribution to benefit low-income people. Past award recipients have started new organizations, new programs, or new services that are in keeping with People Incorporated's mission of providing opportunities for people to improve their lives, their families and their communities.

### **The Henderson Award**

Mr. Thayer's efforts to revitalize and rejuvenate the community would not have been possible but for the contributions and support of Fount and Thelma Henderson. Mr. Henderson, who was People Incorporated's founding Board of Directors Chairperson, and his wife Thelma were active community volunteers who worked tirelessly with Mr. Thayer to mobilize the community in support of the agency's mission to make Hayter's Gap a better place to live. The Henderson Award recognizes a remarkable volunteer or a group of volunteers who have made lasting and significant contributions to benefit low-income people through their unpaid work.

Nominations for this year's awards are currently being accepted. The nomination form is attached or can be completed electronically by visiting <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017HenderonThayerAwards>, or upon request by contacting Carolyn Steffey at [csteffey@peopleinc.net](mailto:csteffey@peopleinc.net). Completed paper nomination forms should be mailed to 1173 West Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; or faxed to 276-628-2931. Nominations are being accepted through October 27, 2017. Please contact Carolyn Steffey at 276-623-9000 for additional information.

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GARLAND THAYER AND THE HENDERSON AWARD

**Nominee Information**

Nominee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Department / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Category (*check only one*)

\_\_\_ The Garland Thayer Award Nomination \_\_\_ The Henderson Award

**Nominator Information (if different from nominee)**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Summary Narrative

Each Nomination Form should be accompanied by a short narrative that describes the individual's accomplishments and achievements serving the low-income community. The following items should be addressed in the narrative:

1. Describe specific examples of the work that the nominee has performed
2. Please describe any results from the Nominee's work? What was the impact?

Nominations may be submitted electronically or by mailing in hard copies. You may attach or enclose supporting materials such as program literature, news clippings, data and letters of support to support your nomination. Submissions received by October 27, 2017 will be considered.

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