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CHARLOTTE SYMPHONY SUPPORTERS AWARDED TOP PHILANTHROPY HONOR

OCTOBER 6, 2016 | CHARLOTTE, NC – Two of the Charlotte Symphony’s most dedicated supporters, Wilton and Catherine Connor, have been named the Outstanding Philanthropists for this year’s National Philanthropy Day awards.

The Connors will be recognized at the annual National Philanthropy Day awards lunch on November 15, 2016 at the Sheraton Charlotte.

When asked what inspired them to become active philanthropists, Wilton, who currently serves on the Symphony’s Board of Directors, said, “We found ourselves with the ability to give -- that’s a big obligation.” Catherine also has served on the board in the past.

Greatly passionate about Charlotte’s cultural community, the Connors’ most significant gifts include: Orchestra On Campus, an annual collaboration between the Charlotte Symphony and Central Piedmont Community College, which the Charlotte Symphony expanded to UNC Charlotte and Winthrop University in the current season; orchestra recordings for broadcast on WDAV; and lead gifts to the Symphony challenge campaigns in 2015 and 2016, among many others.

“We are deeply thankful for the Connors’ dedication to the orchestra throughout the years,” says Charlotte Symphony President and CEO Mary A. Deissler. “They are truly helping to ensure the future of a thriving cultural community in Charlotte.”

Not only are the Connors ardent supporters of the Charlotte Symphony, but they’re also passionate about many other organizations, including the Symphony Guild of Charlotte, WDAV, WTVI, CPCC, and more.

Nominated by the Charlotte Symphony, the Connors were selected by the Association for Fundraising Professionals’ Board of Directors and the community selection committee, which is made up of past winners.

About the Charlotte Symphony

Founded in 1932 and led by internationally renowned Music Director Christopher Warren-Green, the Charlotte Symphony is a non-profit organization that serves the community through music that

educates, entertains, and enriches the human spirit. We are world-class musicians, music teachers, and music lovers. We put violins in the hands of Charlotte's children and actively nurture the next generation with our music education programs. We bring artistic excellence to Charlotte's parks and hospitals, schools and places of worship, stadiums and concert halls. The Charlotte Symphony is a cornerstone of the cultural community, unifying people and adding value to their lives through music.

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