



Margaret English Lester AWARD *a memoriam of excellence*

The Margaret Lester Award was created to honor the life and legacy of Margaret English Lester - a woman whose generosity, grace, and unwavering commitment to others embodied the very heart of service. Established prior to her passing, this award recognizes individuals who, like Margaret, quietly and faithfully remove barriers, strengthen community, and help neighbors in need move forward with dignity.

Margaret's lifelong generosity, channeled through her family and the W.C. English Foundation, helped shape and sustain the mission of Community Storehouse. The award that bears her name reflects her values: compassion without judgment, service without recognition, and leadership rooted in kindness.

For 2026, we are proud to name **Ms. Anne F. Anderson** as the recipient of the Margaret Lester Award.



The Margaret Lester Award was created in 2021 to recognize individuals who make significant, lasting impacts that further our mission.



Evalyn Chapman
receiving the inaugural award
from Margaret Lester in 2021.

Anne Anderson is a retired speech pathologist who devoted her professional career to serving students in the City Public School System. Beyond her work in education, she has given countless hours as a volunteer through the hospital auxiliary, has long been an advocate for animals, and has been a steadfast supporter of Community Storehouse.

While many may never know her name, Anne's impact is felt by countless individuals and families. Behind the scenes, she has been a driving force; stepping in quietly, problem-solving thoughtfully, and offering help at exactly the moment it was needed. For many, she has been a lifeline, a steady presence, and a source of hope without expectation of recognition.

Anne's service reflects the very spirit of the Margaret Lester Award: generosity that seeks no spotlight, advocacy rooted in compassion, and a deep belief in the worth of every neighbor.

We are honored to recognize Ms. Anne F. Anderson as the 2026 Margaret Lester Award recipient, and we celebrate her enduring commitment to service that strengthens our community and lifts others forward.

Mrs. Lester's lasting impressions shaped our Food for Kids: School Backpack Program, providing over 100,000 weekend meal kits to local children.

