The Friends Program Presents 5th Annual Doremus Award

On Friday, May 18, 2012, the Friends Program will present the 5th Annual James S. Doremus Award to longtime board member and Concord resident, Charles S. Willing, Jr. in conjunction with its 13th Annual Charity Auction.

The Doremus Award is named after long time Friends Program Executive Director Jim Doremus. The Doremus Award recipient is defined as someone that has provided volunteer service to the Friends Program organization over an extended period of time or has provided a valuable contribution to the Friends Program and/or those served by the organization.

The 2012 James S. Doremus Award recipient, Charles G. Willing, Jr. is an attorney at Rath, Young & Pignatelli in Concord. Willing is a former Friends’ Trustee and past president of the board. From its inception thirteen years ago, Willing was heavily involved in the annual auction. He has played a significant role in securing sponsorships, promoting audience development and was always willing to offer assistance in any way needed. “Few trustees have given more of their time for more years after the leaving the board than Chuck,” said Jerome Madden, Friends Program Executive Director.

Past recipients of the award include:
2011 – Sherri Vincent-Crisp, Bow NH
2010 - William Matthews, St. Pauls School
2009 – Robyn Cotton, Concord NH
2008 – Douglas Bouchard, Concord NH
In addition to the award presentation the Friends Program’s 13th Annual Charity Auction, taking place at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord from 5:00 – 9:00pm., will feature a silent and live auction. Items to be auctioned include 18 custom-designed storage benches that have been painted by local artists in addition to a number of “artist choice” and specialty items.

The Friends Program is a non-profit agency that recruits, trains and manages volunteers to meet community needs. Our mission is to strengthen communities by building relationships that empower people, encourage community service, and restore faith in the human spirit. We accomplish this by providing youth mentoring, emergency housing and fulfilling the desire of seniors and retired people to actively contribute to the community.

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