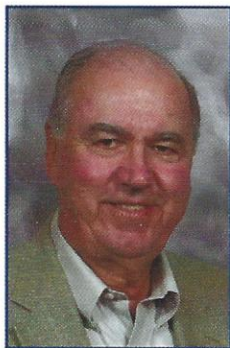


President's Award



H. WILLIAM LICHTENBERGER

Nominated by
Martin Memorial Foundation

From a \$250,000 gift to the University of Buffalo's School of management to the million dollar gift to the Frances Langford Heart Center at Martin Memorial Medical Center. H. William Lichtenberger has generously shared millions of dollars over the past several decades to support national projects and local communities. In the Treasure Coast, he supports the United Way, Red Cross, Hospice, Salvation Army, Visiting Nurses Association, Boy Scouts and the Martin County Library Foundation.

Born in Novi Sad, Yugoslavia in 1935, H. William Lichtenberger immigrated to the United States with his family at the age of 15. One of the University of Iowa's most successful chemical engineering graduates, through hard work, engineering brilliance and business acumen, he rose steadily through the corporate ranks at Union Carbide Corporation, culminating on being named president and chief operating officer in 1990. Ranked by Forbes magazine as 286th among corporate America's 800 most powerful executives and recipient of the Better Business Bureau National Torch Award for Marketplace ethics, Lichtenberger has been chairman and CEO of Praxair Inc., the largest producer of industrial gases in North America.

Throughout his career, Lichtenberger always found time to provide unselfishly to humanitarian causes both nationally and locally. He and his wife, Pat, have been residents of Palm City since 1987 and from the beginning, even while calling Connecticut "home," he has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Treasure Coast Community.

The impact of Mr. Lichtenberger's gifts are profound for our community. He is truly a devoted philanthropist with a proven record of exceptional generosity. His outstanding civic and charitable support will continue to serve as a beacon for others to follow as they increase their philanthropic support of the many exemplary not-for-profits in the area.