

## *Celebrating our First Honoree...*



**Jerry and Peggy Hilbrich  
Hope and Opportunity Award Presentation in 2008**



Jerry Hilbrich, first recipient of the Hope and Opportunity Award in November 2008, is retired and serves as Chair of the Edyth Bush Foundation. In 2008, Jerry reminded us that life has been good to us all and it's time to give back to our community, schools, churches, organizations. "Catholic Charities is a vital and valuable community partner that deserves our support and best efforts on behalf of the poor, hungry, needy and vulnerable in Central Florida," Jerry added.

Arne Nelson, President / CEO of Catholic Charities of Central Florida, remembers Jerry's selfless work for the Diocese of Orlando, Catholic Charities and myriad other community agencies: "One could spout numbers when describing the retired CFO of the Diocese of Orlando – 22 years, 3 bishops, thousands of signed checks, too many meetings, countless hours providing fiscal management and oversight ... but that would not begin to describe the heart of Jerry Hilbrich, which is as big and wide as his inviting smile.

The heart of Jerry Hilbrich is what distinguishes him from others who paved their way in the world of hard work, intelligence and diligence. Jerry Hilbrich strives to do more, give more and be more.

Over the years, Jerry has left a heart print on this community with his service and philanthropy. He embraces and lives out the mission of Catholic Charities of Central Florida; that is, through his stewardship of time, talent and treasure, he has spent a lifetime providing hope and building opportunity.

Jerry Hilbrich welcomes Joe and Marilyn Sciortino into the family of Hope and Opportunity honorees and congratulates the Sciortino Family for the immense good that they have done over the past 50 years both in the United States and beyond.