

For some the phrase “community service” is just that, a phrase. Two words put together and nothing more.

For Bill Dunn Sr. and the Dunn Family, the phrase “community service” is a way of life. The impact the Dunn family has had on the community that surrounds them is almost immeasurable. Any attempt to list all the contributions of the Dunn family and the different ways their collective and individual involvement has shaped our community would take hours upon hours to do.

Here in Independence, the philanthropic impact of the Dunn Family is greatly felt through its involvement in organizations including the Harry S. Truman Library and Museum, Community Services League, Hope House, and the Truman Heartland Community Foundation, just to name a few.

More than 90 years ago John Earnest Dunn established his company in Kansas City as a family-run residential contractor. Today J.E. Dunn Construction has grown to one of the top general building contractors in the nation with twenty office locations across the country.

The mark of excellence of J.E. Dunn Construction can be seen and experienced in countless constructions projects across the City of Independence including schools, churches, and non-profit agencies. J.E. Dunn Construction has contributed mightily to the progression of our city, serving as the General Contractor for many of our most high-profile developments including the Ennovation Center business incubator, Centerpoint Hospital, and the Independence Events Center.

It is very clear that the Dunns are people of action. Time after time Bill Dunn Sr. and the Dunn Family have stepped up to get things done. The values passed down from Bill Dunn Sr. to his family are ever present in the continued work they do within the City of Independence and the surrounding areas.

President Harry S. Truman was a man who valued loyalty, industry, and ability. Members of Dunn Family have done more than admired those qualities but lived them and instilled them as core components in how they conduct their business.

For their continued dedication to the City of Independence, I am honored to present Bill Dunn Sr. and the Dunn Family with the 2015 Community Special Recognition Award.