

A reflection on the accomplishments of Bill Chambers, written by his sister, Anne Chambers:

On May 9, 2013, Bill was honored for his more than three decades as a tireless leader and staunch advocate for behavioral health innovation, and for being a key player in the growth of community-based and recovery-oriented services. President and CEO, William S. Dinwiddie of the Mental Health Association of Southeastern PA., wrote, "Mr. Chambers has contributed an articulate and reasoned voice as a partner of providers, managed care organizations, service recipients and others. For his years of compassionate commitment to making things work when others could not, and his countless contributions to improving the lives of people in recovery, Bill Chambers is the recipient of the "2013 Lifetime Achievement Award!"

Bill, after accepting this award, gave an amazing speech acknowledging the work of others. His niece, Dawn Gresham (SRV 1971-1981), and her mom, Anne Chambers, were part of the 500 strong gathering including his wife, Beth Gargan. The Bell of Hope was present, a 300 pound bell constructed in 1953 from the chains and shackles used to restrain people with mental health conditions. Congratulations, Bill, this is one of your many achievements since leaving The School in Rose Valley!