

Sheils receives Auchter Award from Goodwill Industries

SPRINGFIELD – Attorney James Sheils, a partner at Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin P.C. in Springfield, has received the first John Auchter Award from Goodwill Industries of the Pioneer Valley for his more than three decades of service to the non-profit organization.

The new award, which honors those who show extraordinary dedication to community service, is named for the late John Auchter, a Pioneer Valley attorney whose

own distinguished service to Goodwill included forty years as director, president, and chairman of the board. Following the example set by Auchter, Attorney Sheils has served on the Goodwill board for more than thirty years, during which he has worked tirelessly as legal counsel to the agency.

The award was presented to Sheils by Goodwill Board Chair Les Lohnes on Nov. 5, at the annual meeting at the Goodwill

Administration offices, located at 570 Cottage St. Sheils received an honorary plaque that he will proudly display in his office.

Steve Mundahl, President and CEO of Goodwill Industries, said that Sheils deserves to be recognized for service that goes above and beyond.

“Jim has been with us through every contract negotiation and has never asked for anything in return. He has been invaluable to the Pioneer Valley Goodwill and its

mission,” he said.

Lohnes added, “Jim has a huge heart for the population we serve. He has given many, many hours and is truly dedicated to the cause.”

Sheils has served as past chairman and is currently a member of the board of directors. He is also the Town Moderator for the Town of East Longmeadow.