

Gregory Stockard Distinguished Service Award

Darryl and Connie Hubble, Recipients

Connie and Darryl Hubble moved to Jefferson City in 1973 after Darryl graduated from Pharmacy School at the University Missouri Kansas City. Darryl's first job after completing his education was at Whaley's Pharmacy in 1973. In 1998 the Hubbles purchased the business, and a few years later they purchased the property. At that point they said, "Now what do we do?"

The building needed work. They started with the exterior. They were successful in getting the building listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The listing noted that the building was a pharmacy from the time it was constructed.

Connie enjoyed researching the history of Whaley's Pharmacy during the nomination process for the National Register. The Hubbles also found history in the building.

For example the stools for the soda fountain were found in the rafters of the basement. They were cleaned, polished and reupholstered.

After their children left home, they renovated the upstairs apartment. It took eight months to complete. They have lived in the apartment for eight years. Their passion for the business extended to the neighborhood. When the building next door was put on the market they purchased it and renovated it. In 2011 they purchased 616 and 618 East High. There are 2 apartments on the second floor and two commercial spaces on the main level. These renovations have generated revenue and improved the block.

In addition to running their businesses, Whaley's Pharmacies, they are involved in the community. Connie is a docent at the Governor's Mansion, Darryl is on the Discover Jefferson City Foundation. They are both members of the Historic City of Jefferson (where Connie serves on the Board), the Cole County Historical Society and the Chamber of Commerce.

In October 2007, Connie and Darryl Hubble were presented the Mary Ann and Dick Caplinger Award at the Missouri Alliance for Historic Preservation's yearly conference. This statewide organization selected the Hubbles to highlight local preservation, and people who have worked to save historic buildings in Jefferson City.

The Hubbles were honored by Lincoln University with the Pioneer Award for their efforts in the East End. In 2005 Whaley's Pharmacy was chosen the Small Business of the Year.

In addition to preserving the buildings on East High, the Hubbles have promoted the history of the community on East High, by celebrating Soda Jerks, and the stories associated with soda fountains and local drug stores. They hold Soda Jerk Reunions and in 2013 are celebrating the 70th anniversary of Whaley's East End Drugs.

