

## **First Financial Group President attends Annual Best of Maryland Awards Ceremony for Best Buddies of Maryland.**

On Saturday, April 28, 2007, Dennis Eckels, President of First Financial Group (FFG), attended the Best Buddies of Maryland Annual Best of Maryland Awards (BMA) Ceremony at Atheon High School in Columbia, Maryland. Modeled after the Oscars, this event recognizes Best Buddies Award Winning Buddy Teams, Buddy Chapters and Schools.

Mr. Eckels, a Best Buddies Board Member, is honored to have been selected to speak and make presentations at the event. His firm, a corporate contributor to Best Buddies of Maryland, supports their efforts in many ways and throughout the year.

First Financial Group has three locations – Wilkes-Barre in Northeast PA, Lancaster in Central PA, and the Baltimore office that serves all of Maryland and Delaware. As a firm, FFG supports and funds charities by partnering with 501(c)(3)s and through their work with Philanthropy International. The Wilkes-Barre office supports the Luzerne County Autism Society, Lancaster supports United Disabilities, and the Baltimore office supports Best Buddies of Maryland. They also work with the March of Dimes through Philanthropy International and have trained and support three Charitable Planning Specialists – Bradley Troy, Leonard Raskin and Jason Giorgio - to work in the Estate Planning process, in particular as it pertains to Charitable Planning. Whether you are a donor, a charity or someone in estate planning in the 501(c)(3) arena, be sure to visit [www.piccharity.org](http://www.piccharity.org) for more information.

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