

BALTIMORE'S DARRYL GREEN HONORED AS ROLE MODEL

Recognizing his contributions as a role model to Baltimore's youth, Black Professional Men, Inc. recently honored Darryl Green with its prestigious Ray of Hope award. This honor paid tribute to Green for his work in bolstering and supporting young men.

"I am humbled and honored," Green says. "When you work in the community, in the trenches, you don't do it for the recognition, and you often think people don't notice."

The Ray of Hope awards are given to outstanding African American men from the Greater Baltimore area who have excelled in their respective professions and serve as role models to younger black men. Awards are given annually in the categories of education, government, medicine, business and community service. Black Professional Men presented the award on June 18.



Joined by his daughter, Darryl Green, of Casey's Baltimore Division, receives the Ray of Hope Award for Community Service.

"It is very special to be seen in that light in Baltimore by such respected men," Green says. "I've received several awards during my career, but to be singled out by the members of Black Professional Men is a true honor. This is a savvy group of men who are very dedicated to their community."

Since joining Casey in 2000, Green has worked exclusively with fathers, some as young as 16. He sees his role and that of his colleagues as helping to remove barriers that stand in the way of their being good fathers. Casey supports young parents through employment counseling, health and substance abuse services, education and financial literacy to strengthen their families.

Green used the awards ceremony as an opportunity to reflect on his own family. "I wanted to honor my parents and my wife," he says. "My mother showed me what service is. She was a foster parent and really developed my compassion for these youngsters. My dad worked at General Motors for 32-plus years but always had time to help others. My wife allows me to share my time. These are the people who taught me about giving to the community."