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Sellersville's Jeffrey McDonald (with plaque) received justCommunity's Feryl L. Spanninger Spirit Award for extraordinary service to youth. From the left are Lee Rush, executive director of justCommunity; Jeffrey's father, Joe McDonald; Jeffrey McDonald; Jeffrey's mother, Lonnie McDonald, and Gina Rubel, president of justCommunity.

## Firefighter earns Spanninger Award

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On May 1, justCommunity, a Quakertown-based, youth-oriented nonprofit, inaugurated an award honoring Feryl L. Spanninger.

Planned as an annual award, the Feryl L. Spanninger Spirit Award was presented to Sellersville resident Jeffrey McDonald at a celebration in the Sellersville Theater.

McDonald, currently attending Bucks County Community College, has been a volunteer firefighter with the Sellersville Fire Department since he was 15.

The department recently elected him to serve as a lieutenant, and he's among the youngest to ever attain the rank. McDonald serves on the Fire Prevention Committee and performs fire safety programs.

His intent is to continue his education at the University of

Maryland, majoring in fire protection engineering as a platform to become an arson investigator.

McDonald has been active in Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts, attaining the rank of Eagle Scout in 2002.

He is an active member of St. Andrew's Lutheran Church.

The Spanninger award recognizes an Upper Bucks County young adult 18-25-years-old who has provided extraordinary service to youth within the community.

Feryl Spanninger (1925-2004) was a life-long Hilltown resident who exercised his special interest in social, educational, emotional and spiritual development of young people.

He served on a host of area boards, including the Pennridge School Board.

In his long career in banking, he was especially helpful to young, up-and-coming employees.

The award will be presented

annually at the justCommunity CARES Benefit Concert.

The nonprofit provides consultation, education and training services in the areas of youth development, community mobilization and restorative practices to schools and government agencies.

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