Westland senator receives Nonprofit Champions Award

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State Senator Glenn S. Anderson, D-Westland, has been honored by the Michigan Nonprofit Association for his outstanding work in office supporting volunteerism and civic engagement, particularly his victory in securing a $65 million increase in early childhood education funding.

Anderson and fellow lawmaker Sen. Roger Kahn, R-Saginaw, were presented with the Nonprofit Champion Awards at the 2014 Giving and Volunteering Celebration, hosted in the Boji Tower, near the State Capitol.

"I am humbled to be honored in such a way," Anderson said of the award. "I can't say enough about the Michigan Nonprofit Association and what they do. There certainly is 'profit' in nonprofits. It's not the profit you measure in financial terms; it's measured in all of the good works done by groups in Michigan's non-profit community, enriching our state and making lives better. That's lasting profit."

Anderson was elected to represent the 6th District in the Michigan State Senate in 2006 after representing Michigan's 18th State House District for three consecutive terms. Prior to his legislative service, he served on the Westland City Council for nine years.

In addition to his support of early childhood education, Anderson has championed such causes as breast cancer awareness and screening, environmental conservation, public education and anti-bullying initiatives. He is continuing his work to address the rising cost of higher education and post-graduation debt in this legislative session.

"I want to say thanks to all those in our state who give their time in the pursuit of public good without the expectation of personal financial gain," said Anderson. "It is all of you that make our communities and state the great place we call home."

Anderson serves as the Democratic vice chair of the Appropriations Committee. His 6th Senate District includes the communities of Livonia, Westland, Garden City, and Redford Township.