



Now in it's 22nd year, the Governor's Award for Arts & Culture gala is a state-wide event that showcases and celebrates Michigan artists, arts & cultural organizations, civic leaders, advocates, arts educators and business support of the arts.

2007 Civic Leader

Gebran Anton

President, Anton, Zorn & Sowerby



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Gebran "Gabe" Anton is living proof that passion and commitment pay off and in Gabe's case, these personal attributes have paid off exponentially for his community of Mt. Clemens. Gabe is the founder and owner of Anton, Zorn & Sowerby, Inc., a real estate brokerage based in Mt. Clemens. For years, the Anton name has been associated with strong and wide-ranging support of the arts from leveraging a \$100,000 Cool Cities grant to creating an outdoor art park to the development of an endowment fund in the Community Foundation for Southeast Michigan with plans to purchase 20 pieces of art for public places. In 2005, Gabe capped three decades of support to the arts in Mt. Clemens by spearheading \$1.6 million campaign to renovate and expand the historic Carnegie Library in downtown Mt. Clemens. When completed in 2006, the city named the renovated architectural gem the Anton Arts Center in recognition of his exemplary leadership.