

THE JIM GETTY

SPIRIT OF GETTYSBURG AWARD

To many, James Getty was simply Abraham Lincoln, a man he portrayed for nearly 40 years in the Civil War town of Gettysburg, Pa. For others, Mr. Getty was a man that symbolized generosity, contribution and overall ambassadorship to the community of which he so lovingly cherished. He sought to make a connection with those for whom he performed, those with whom he would pose for a picture and for the millions of visitors who never knew his real name, but only as Mr. Lincoln.

Jim Getty wanted people from around the world to understand the character of the 16th President, but more so, he hoped that those same people would reflect on the importance of this town, a place that he considered home for more than half of his life.

It is with this passion that Destination Gettysburg has created “The Jim Getty Spirit of Gettysburg Award,” an honor bestowed to the great ambassadors of tourism, leaders who contribute to a cause much bigger than themselves, and those that contribute so generously to the tourism community of Adams County, Pa.

Nominations for “The Jim Getty Spirit of Gettysburg Award” are open to anyone who is a contributor, or has contributed in the past, to the tourism community of Adams County, Pa., and represents the qualities of leadership, dedication, contribution to the community and a true champion of the tourism industry.

Please see the attached nomination form and fill out the questions to the best of your ability. Nominations can be submitted to Karl Pietrzak, President & CEO of Destination Gettysburg, at karl@DestinationGettysburg.com, before Feb. 13, 2026.



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NOMINATION FORM

Your Name _____ Position/Title _____

Company or Organization _____

Name of person you are nominating _____

Their Company or Organization _____

Their Position/Title _____

How does this person demonstrate LEADERSHIP in the Adams County tourism community?

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How does this person CONTRIBUTE to the local tourism industry?

Describe how this person is a CHAMPION of the tourism industry of Adams County, Pa.?

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