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*The Christopher Columbus Foundation of Hudson County*



**Ethel & Sam Pesin**

Recipients Of the  
*“Gloria Esposito Distinguished Public Service Award”*

In recognition of their dedication to preserve the pristine beauty and serenity of Liberty State Park as a legacy for future generations, this community spirited Mother and Son Team has fought long and hard to rally men, women and children interested in maintaining a natural setting at New Jersey’s most visited State Park to form *The Friends Of Liberty State Park*, which recently observed the Twentieth Anniversary of its founding. Following in the footsteps of their late Husband and Father, Morris Pesin, former Jersey City Councilman, businessman and community activist, Ethel and Sam celebrated a re-enactment of the historic row boat trip Morris made over fifty years ago to show that the Statue of Liberty lies within the borders of Jersey City. He is respected and admired as the “Father of Liberty State Park” for his daring challenge. Like the great Genoese seaman, Christopher Columbus, Morris Pesin had a vision and never wavered from his course. In fond memory, his wife and his son continue the crusade Morris initiated. With the support of caring and concerned citizens, the vision of Morris Pesin lives on triumphantly in Jersey City due to the commitment of a loving wife and a devoted son - Ethel and Sam Pesin.

