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HONORED by the United Way for his community efforts is Chip Paillex of Pittstown, seen at Friday night's celebration with his wife Susan and their daughter Kyra. In 2007 his volunteer organization, Grow-A-Row produced and delivered 110,000 pounds of fresh produce to food banks in Hunterdon, Warren, Sussex, Passaic, Union, Hudson, Bergen, Morris, Somerset and Essex counties. Some 450 other volunteers helped in the effort, including many families at Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, where he is a deacon. The operation uses land donated by Peaceful Valley Orchards in Union Township and the Etter family of Frenchtown.