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Cooperman-Bogue Awards

10th Anniversary

March 30, 2004

2003 Cooperman-Bogue Award Winners

Anne Young has been a Case Manager with the Sixth Judicial Circuit's Unified Family Court for two years. Young provides information and referrals about community resources to families appearing before the court in dependency, delinquency, domestic violence, and Unified Family Court hearings. Judges and court staff appreciate her thoroughness. She helps counteract a parent's feeling that they are caught in a "faceless system". Her warm but professional nature puts people at ease and quickly builds trust and confidence.

Mary Baker has worked as a Women's Intervention Specialist for Healthy Families Plus/Operation PAR for the past ten years. Baker works primarily with expectant mothers who have a history of substance abuse. She has gone above and beyond the call of duty to assist in finding emergency shelter and detoxification services for expectant mothers. Her goal is to show the women she assesses that there are other options than substance abuse and that there are people who care enough to help them be a better parent to their children.

Rafael Ramirez, Computer Technology Instructor, has worked for Watson Center for the Blind and Visually Impaired for eight years. Ramirez was instrumental in developing the computer classroom at the Watson Center and instructs children as well as adults in computer skills and adaptive software. His communication skills, patience, and empathy are assets that help him get through to his students. He gives vision-impaired children the start that they need and provides an example of the success they can achieve.

Kim Mann, Therapeutic Preschool Therapist, has been with Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health for two years. Mann works with children with moderate behavioral and emotional problems to prepare them for school. She works extra hours and takes on children beyond her caseload. Mann spends extra time helping classroom teachers find effective techniques for addressing each child's specific needs, and offers training to after-school providers. She brings hope to the families of the children she serves, and delivers results with the children.

Program

Social Hour 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Welcome 7:00 p.m.

Cecilia Burke, Chair
Juvenile Welfare Board

Dinner

Program

Emcee:

Reginald Roundtree
News Anchor

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Remarks:

James E. Mills, ACSW
Executive Director
Juvenile Welfare Board

Video Presentation and Recognition:

1994-2002 Annual Awards Winners

Video Presentation:

2003 Awards Winners

2003 Awards Presentation:

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