

The Faces of HMEA - November 2005

The "Faces" for this edition of the newsletter are some of the awards recipients from Annual Awards Night. September 29 was another outstanding evening attended by staff, people supported by the agency, families and friends. The video was particularly wonderful this year, and was produced by Pam Green, Shared Living Coordinator, who is obviously a woman of many talents! There were many deserving nominations, from which the Board of Directors Nominating Committee members had to select only a few.

Eric Rodgers Memorial Award, for individuals supported by the agency who have demonstrated significant personal accomplishment, who have overcome barriers and challenges with courage and determination. Awards presented to **David Skeehan**, Children's Services TRACS, **Peter Hendrixon**, Sterling Day Hab, **Robert Courtemanche**, Pine St.



Peter Hendrixon (center) with CJ McGregor (left) and Jean Petion



David Skeehan with family members

HMEA Award for employees who can be counted upon for consistent outstanding contributions and who possess energy, enthusiasm and commitment to high standards. Recipients were **Stacey Considine**, Raynham Children's Services, and **Jackie Gorab**, Residential Services.

Kevin McMullen Memorial Award for an employee in any position who demonstrates 100% commitment to the people we support, sees the best in every person and every situation, and gives unconditionally. The award was presented to **Chris McDermott**, Handy St.

Board of Directors Award for employees who have significantly enriched the lives of the people they support in: meaningful relationships, increasing community participation, empowering people as decision-makers, and teaching new skills. Winners were **Al Berard**, Hopedale Employment, **Denise Pouliot**, Main St., **Elizabeth Harmer**, Raynham Children's Services.



Denise Pouliot (right) with Cathy Keese

Volunteer Award to a person served by the agency who contributes either to the agency or to the wider community. This year's recipient was **Christine Ripley**, 14 Foster St.



Bellingham Employment Team

Team Award for a team that works very effectively together, presented to **Bellingham Employment**.

Outstanding Employee Award for an exemplary co-worker at a supported employment site. **Mark Leto** from Worcester Employment was the winner.



Mark Leto accepts his award

Community Membership Award for a person supported by the agency who has successfully become part of a community group or organization, made a contribution to the community, or demonstrated what a 'good neighbor' is. The recipient was **Lenny Savage** of Clinton Employment.

Kathy Gilchrist Award for a therapist who demonstrates unyielding devotion to children and their families, always goes the extra step, and maintains a positive attitude at all times. **Naomi Mancusso**, Hudson Children's Services, was the winner.

Shared Living Provider Award for a provider who has significantly enriched the life of a person receiving supports and who has demonstrated a commitment by supporting meaningful relationships and providing a positive home environment. This year's presentation was to **Michelle Williams**. ◀



Michelle Williams (left) with Nancy and Raevin