

Dane County Juvenile Court Awards History

Originating in 1998 under the leadership of Judge Robert Pekowsky, the Dane County Juvenile Court Awards have been presented annually to individuals and organizations who have demonstrated a great commitment to enhancing the lives of youth and families in our communities. Through approximately 2002, the awards were co-sponsored by the Dane County Juvenile Law Enforcement Association. Awards are presented at the annual Juvenile Court Recognition Dinner.

Award Categories include:

The **Peter Rubin Award** is named after Peter Rubin, a long-time attorney and advocate for youth in his professional role in the Public Defender's Office as well as in his community life, serving in countless ways to improve the lives of youth and families. The award is presented each year to someone who demonstrates that commitment to go "above and beyond" their professional role and reach out to at-risk youth and families in our neighborhoods.

The **Ervin Bruner Award** is named after Judge Ervin Bruner, one of the first Juvenile Court Judges in Dane County who was responsible for setting the standard of how youth should be treated in court and in supporting and creating numerous community-based programs to support youth and families. Each year this award is given to someone who has made substantial contributions to the Juvenile Justice system over the course of their career.

The **George Northrup Award** is named after former Judge George Northrup who served as a Juvenile Judge and Presiding Juvenile Judge for a number of years in the 1990's and who despite significant health problems demonstrated a perseverance and commitment to doing his best for the youth and families who appeared in court and acted as an advocate for improved community services for them. Each year someone is recognized for overcoming and persevering through difficult situations and still giving of themselves to improve the lives of youth and families.

Outstanding Achievement Awards are given generally to youth/young adults who are working their way through or have successfully worked their way through the Juvenile Justice system and have turned their lives around and are now contributing to improve the lives of others around them.

Outstanding Service Awards are given to individuals or organizations that have demonstrated either a unique service to youth/families or have played a substantial role in providing needed services and supports to youth/families involved in the system.

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The Ervin Bruner Award

		2005	Mary Kasparek
		2006	Bobby Moore
1998	Maureen Torphy	2007	John Borquist
	Lynn "Barney" Marquardt	2008	Melissa Garecht
1999	Lynn Green	2009	Teresa and Cleveland Stevenson
2000	Judge Robert Pekowsky	2010	Jay Kiefer
2001	Jeanne Ferguson	2011	Greg Rossetti
2002	Buck Rhyme		
2003	Jim Moeser		
2004	David Johnson		
2005	Randi Celusta	1998	<u><i>Outstanding Service</i></u>
	Dale Klubertanz		East Madison Comm. Center
2006	Judge Moria Krueger		John Olson
2007	Gary Spaeni		Edie Bek-Gran Halls
2008	Ben Gonring	1999	Joann Kessler
2009	Jim Olds		Operation Fresh Start
2009	Ami Orlin		Judith Laitman
2010	Stephen Blue		John Burkholder
2011	Dot Crawford-Fischer	2000	Barb Weichers

The George Northrup Award

		2001	Carter Woodson Found.
			Larry Cohen
			Robert Johnson
1998	Jackie Millar	2001	Louis Swedarsky
	Lynn Garruthers	2002	Bockari House
1999	Betty Franklin-Hammonds		Rob Engelhart
2000	Rose Roh		Bernadette Norton
2002	Susan Carnell	2003	Jennifer Classon
2003	John Givens		Marsha Cetawin
2004	Jesse Sprague	2004	Nancy Taylor
2005	Janice Balistreri	2005	Sue Milch
2006	Camille Young	2005	Sandy Marrier
2007	Barb Franks	2006	Diane Jimenez
2008	Rhonda Voigt		Mike Dyer
2009	Carrie Pomije		Deena Williams
2010	Elizabeth Horikawa		Cora White
2011	James Rumph	2007	Joan Klang

The Peter Rubin Award

		2008	Don Garber
			Tony Keshena
			Kristi Wood
1998	Dennis McClain	2008	Shannon Tracy
	Newton Newton		Rudy Dyer
1999	Char Karabis	2008	Kim and JoAnn Mijal-White
2000	Lt. Joe Balles	2009	Dawn Brubakken-Sauer
2001	Susan & Stephen Blue	2010	Sharon Mason-Boersma
2002	Renee' Savannah		Diane Prellwitz
2003	Deirdre Wilson Garton	2011	Randy (RJ) Morgan
2004	Phyllis Schwahn		Prairie View Elementary School
			Judge Dan Koval
			Ginny Whitehouse

Outstanding Achievement

1998	Charity Lowery
	Meti Adams

<i>1999</i>	<i>Robert Clark</i>
	<i>Brian Wilcox</i>
<i>2000</i>	<i>Schricca Yankaway</i>
	<i>Naomi Casselman</i>
<i>2001</i>	<i>Joshua Winicki</i>
<i>2002</i>	<i>Juan Castro Sr.</i>
	<i>Juan Castro Jr.</i>
	<i>Jimmy Mack III</i>
<i>2003</i>	<i>Adam Tippery</i>
<i>2004</i>	<i>Kathryn Jilk</i>
	<i>Megan Ford</i>
<i>2005</i>	<i>Rashad Anderson</i>
	<i>Ashley Smith</i>
<i>2006</i>	<i>Ashley McIntyre</i>
	<i>Kennedy Klingele</i>
<i>2007</i>	<i>Antwon Braxton</i>
	<i>Travis Weisensel</i>
<i>2008</i>	<i>Jordan Sharlow</i>
	<i>Briana Johnson</i>
<i>2009</i>	<i>Kyle Droster</i>
<i>2010</i>	<i>Mia Rothwell</i>
	<i>Kristophor Cooks</i>
<i>2011</i>	<i>Alexis Gardner</i>
	<i>Naiheima Young</i>