

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.

Juvenile Court Recognition Awards History

The Ervin Bruner Award

1998	<i>Maureen Torphy</i>	2000	<i>Lt. Joe Balles</i>
	<i>Lynn "Barney" Marquardt</i>	2001	<i>Susan & Stephen Blue</i>
1999	<i>Lynn Green</i>	2002	<i>Renee' Savannah</i>
2000	<i>Judge Robert Pekowsky</i>	2003	<i>Deirdre Wilson Garton</i>
2001	<i>Jeanne Ferguson</i>	2004	<i>Phyllis Schwahn</i>
2002	<i>Buck Rhyme</i>	2005	<i>Mary Kasperek</i>
2003	<i>Jim Moeser</i>	2006	<i>Bobby Moore</i>
2004	<i>David Johnson</i>	2007	<i>John Borquist</i>
2005	<i>Randi Celusta</i>	2008	<i>Melissa Garecht</i>
	<i>Dale Klubertanz</i>	2009	<i>Teresa and Cleveland Stevenson</i>
2006	<i>Judge Moria Krueger</i>	2010	<i>Jay Kiefer</i>
2007	<i>Gary Spaeni</i>	2011	<i>Greg Rossetti</i>
2008	<i>Ben Gouning</i>	2012/15th	<i>Peggy Bartlett</i>
2009	<i>Jim Olds</i>	2013/16th	<i>Nicki Laudolff</i>
2009	<i>Ami Orlin</i>	2014/17th	<i>Robert Syring</i>
2010	<i>Stephen Blue</i>	2015/18th	<i>Alan Chancellor</i>
2011	<i>Dot Crawford-Fischer</i>		
2012/15th	<i>Izzie Popic</i>		
2013/16th	<i>Michael Walsh</i>		
2014/17th	<i>Judge John Albert</i>		
2015/18th	<i>David Puttkamer</i>		

The George Northrup Award

1998	<i>Jackie Millar</i>		
	<i>Lynn Garruthers</i>		
1999	<i>Betty Franklin-Hammonds</i>		
2000	<i>Rose Roh</i>		
2002	<i>Susan Carnell</i>		
2003	<i>John Givens</i>		
2004	<i>Jesse Sprague</i>		
2005	<i>Janice Balistreri</i>		
2006	<i>Camille Young</i>		
2007	<i>Barb Franks</i>		
2008	<i>Rhonda Voigt</i>		
2009	<i>Carrie Pomije</i>		
2010	<i>Elizabeth Horikawa</i>		
2011	<i>James Rumph</i>		
2012/15th	<i>Deb Gordon</i>		
2013/16th	<i>Andre Johnson</i>		
2014/17th	<i>Linda Geisinger</i>		
2015/18th	<i>Frank and Kathy Koss</i>		

The Peter Rubin Award

1998	<i>Dennis McClain</i>
	<i>Newton Newton</i>
1999	<i>Char Karabis</i>

Outstanding Service

1998	<i>East Madison Comm. Center</i>
	<i>John Olson</i>
	<i>Edie Bek-Gran Halls</i>
	<i>Joann Kessler</i>
	<i>Operation Fresh Start</i>
	<i>Judith Laitman</i>
	<i>John Burkholder</i>
	<i>Barb Weichers</i>
2000	<i>Carter Woodson Found.</i>
	<i>Larry Cohen</i>
	<i>Robert Johnson</i>
2001	<i>Louis Swedarsky</i>
	<i>Bockari House</i>
2002	<i>Rob Engelhart</i>
	<i>Bernadette Norton</i>
	<i>Jennifer Classon</i>
2003	<i>Marsha Cetawin</i>
	<i>Nancy Taylor</i>
2004	<i>Sue Milch</i>
2005	<i>Sandy Marrier</i>
	<i>Diane Jimenez</i>
2006	<i>Mike Dyer</i>
	<i>Deena Williams</i>
	<i>Cora White</i>
	<i>Joan Klang</i>
2007	<i>Don Garber</i>
	<i>Tony Keshena</i>
	<i>Kristi Wood</i>
	<i>Shannon Tracy</i>

2008	<i>Rudy Dyer</i> <i>Kim and JoAnn Mijal-White</i>	2014/17th	<i>Gabe Jackson</i> <i>Caleb Campbell</i>
2009	<i>Dawn Brubakken-Sauer</i> <i>Sharon Mason-Boersma</i>	2015/18th	<i>Ray Walker</i>
2010	<i>Diane Prellwitz</i> <i>Randy (RJ) Morgan</i> <i>Prairie View Elementary School</i>		
2011	<i>Judge Dan Koval</i> <i>Ginny Whitehouse</i>		
2012/15th	<i>Jackie Hammond</i> <i>Oscar Mireles</i> <i>Kate Gravel</i>		
2013/16th	<i>Jennifer Bronsdon</i> <i>Mary Ellen Millar</i>		
2014/17th	<i>Marlene Porter</i> <i>David Hill</i> <i>Beth Gentilli</i>		
2015/18th	<i>Suzanne Humphrey</i> <i>Lula Hart</i> <i>Jess Vieau</i>		

Outstanding Achievement

1998	<i>Charity Lowery</i> <i>Meti Adams</i>
1999	<i>Robert Clark</i> <i>Brian Wilcox</i>
2000	<i>Schricca Yankaway</i> <i>Naomi Casselman</i>
2001	<i>Joshua Winicki</i>
2002	<i>Juan Castro Sr.</i> <i>Juan Castro Jr.</i> <i>Jimmy Mack III</i>
2003	<i>Adam Tippery</i>
2004	<i>Kathryn Jilk</i> <i>Megan Ford</i>
2005	<i>Rashad Anderson</i> <i>Ashley Smith</i>
2006	<i>Ashley McIntyre</i> <i>Kennedy Klingele</i>
2007	<i>Antwon Braxton</i> <i>Travis Weisensel</i>
2008	<i>Jordan Sharlow</i> <i>Briana Johnson</i>
2009	<i>Kyle Droster</i>
2010	<i>Mia Rothwell</i> <i>Kristophor Cooks</i>
2011	<i>Alexis Gardner</i> <i>Naiheima Young</i>
2012/15th	<i>Jesus Lara</i> <i>Matthew Frisch</i>
2013/16th	<i>DaJuan Bolden</i> <i>Dylan Zweifel</i>