

## **HomeBridge Youth Society Executive Director Awarded the Gordon Foundation's Service Recognition Award for 2012**

Youth, employees and Board Members of HomeBridge Youth Society would like to congratulate our Executive Director, Linda Wilson MSW, RSW on being honoured with the Gordon Foundation for Children and Youth's Service Recognition Award.

The Service Recognition Award was established by the Gordon Foundation in 2000 to recognize leaders in the field of mental health and service to children and youth in Nova Scotia. These leaders have come from a wide range of practice and professional backgrounds. All share in their dedication to improving services and the provision of quality programming to benefit children, youth and their families. The Gordon Foundation's Board of Directors say Linda was chosen as this year's recipient because she exemplifies and embodies the qualities of this award.



Linda has held the professional focus of eliminating the incidence of homelessness through advocacy, programming and education, supporting the implementation of progressive interventions and respectful empowerment. Her 25 year career has included positions with Adsum for Women and Children, Phoenix Youth Programs, the Dalhousie School of Social Work and HomeBridge Youth Society.

Established in 1977, HomeBridge is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides residential care, therapeutic programming and educational support to at-risk youth in Nova Scotia.

HomeBridge operates six residential care facilities and a school in the Halifax Regional Municipality, serving youth between the ages of 12 and 18, in the care of the Minister of Community Services. Our programs include Hawthorne House, Johnson House, Jubien House, Sullivan House, Cogswell House, the Reigh Allen Centre, Bridges for Learning and the Expressions Program of the Arts.

It is our vision that all youth and their families are living in Health, Safety and Harmony.