

2007 Nova Scotia Child and Youth Care Association Award Winner



Jason Mathews, President and Melanie Bennett, Recording Secretary of the NSCYWA present the award to Colleen Connors

Youth, Employees, and Board Members of HomeBridge Youth Society are pleased to announce that for the second year running, a HomeBridge Youth Care Worker has been named by the Nova Scotia Child and Youth Care Worker's Association as Youth Care Worker of the Year. Colleen Connors was hired in 1981 as a casual Youth Care Worker, and hired in 1985 as a permanent full time employee. In 1994 she became the Supervisor of Hawthorne House where she lead a team of youth care workers to offer a safe residence and a place for young men to develop and grow for over 10 years. Colleen has been a Non Violent Crisis Intervention trainer, involved in the Emergency Measures Operation Planning for the organization, and a member of the organizations social committee. In the last few years, Colleen made a decision to return to "the floor" to work directly with the young people, which truly is her passion. Colleen currently works full time at the Reigh Allen Centre, the organizations Crisis and Stabilization Facility.

Colleen is committed to the profession of youth care, its evolution, and the further development of HomeBridge as

leader in professional practice. She has learned, participated and embraced the changes and developments. Colleen is known and respected for her empathic approach, tireless hard work, her commitment to her team and colleagues, and most importantly her belief in the young people and their potential for happiness and personal success.

Colleen lives in Dartmouth and is the mother of Carla McInnes, Fred Connors, Paula Hadley, and Stephan Connors all of Halifax and Dartmouth. She is the grandmother of Connor McInnes and is expecting 2 new grandchildren in the very near future.

Established in 1977, as a not for profit charitable organization, HomeBridge Youth Society is the largest residential youth caring organization in Atlantic Canada. Members of the HomeBridge Community include Hawthorne House, Johnson House, Jubien House, Sullivan House, the Reigh Allen Centre, Cogswell House and the Bridges for Learning Program. Facilities are located throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality and serve youth at risk between the ages of 12 and 18 years old.



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