## 2006 Nova Scotia Child and Youth Care Association Award Winner



## Trish O'Brien

Youth, Employees and Board Members of HomeBridge Youth Society are pleased to announce that one of their own, Trish O'Brien has been recognized as Youth Care Worker of the Year by the Nova Scotia Child and Youth Care Worker's Association. This award is presented to the individual who, as determined by their peers, best represents the commitment to excellence in practice and contribution to the profession of youth care in Nova Scotia.

HomeBridge has employed Trish, a native of Glace Bay, Cape Breton, since 1991. Over the past 15 years, Trish has worked as a youth care worker and a facility supervisor

throughout the organization. Currently Trish is Facility Supervisor at Hawthorne House in Dartmouth, Trish has been a volunteer with the John Howard Society and actively involved with the Nova Scotia Child and Youth Care Workers Association since 1992. serving as Vice President in 1995 and President in 1998. She has also served on the Canadian Council of Child Care Associations as Vice President in 2002. Currently she is a volunteer Board Member with the Community Justice Society. Trish has been involved in the Parent Councilor Program and fostered 13 children and now offers respite foster care in her home. Trish lives in Middle Sackville with her husband and two daughters.

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.

Facilities are located throughout the Halifax Regional Municipality and serve youth at risk between the ages of 12 and

of 12 and 18 years old. HomeBridge