

# Folks who care given WSF awards

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Six individuals and one organization were honored for their service to the community last week at the Winston-Salem Foundation's Annual Community Luncheon at the Benton Convention Center.

Lawyers Amy Kuhlman and Penny Spry took home the foundation's highest honor — the Winston-Salem Foundation Award — for building social capital through the work of their non-profit, The Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina.

"This honor is at once humbling and exhilarating for us," commented Spry. "It is over the top for us because we've been under the radar for so long."

The two women founded the Children's Center in 2005, as a way of filling a grievous void they encountered while working as attorneys for Legal Aid.

"We ... realized that if Legal Aid had served one of the parents, they could not also serve the child ... It's a conflict of interest," Spry explained. "The judges were allowed to appoint the Guardians ad Litem but there were no guardians so we started to take on the cases."

The center utilizes more than 30 volunteers and advocates for children in situations of abuse, neglect, domestic violence or other highly volatile areas.

"We have a little bit of everything right now, but it's working — we're not letting any kiddos fall through the cracks," Spry said.

Kuhlman began her career as a tax attorney but says becoming a mother changed her priorities greatly.

"I get fired up whenever I think about children that have a need," she said. "I had the opportunity to get a law degree and have a wonderful education; I feel this is the best use of it."

Spry and Kuhlman were also awarded a \$10,000 grant from the foundation to designate for the nonprofit of their choosing. Not surprisingly, they chose The Children's Law Center.

"We don't do this for the honors and the accolades; we do this because we're driven by the children," Kuhlman said.

Andrea Angelo, the Rev. Willard Bass, Katherine Foster, Chevara Orrin and the West Salem Neighborhood Association all took home 2008 ECHO Awards, which have been presented jointly by the ECHO (Everyone Can Help Out) Council and the Winston-Salem Foundation for the past three years. ECHO was formed as a result of the Foundation's longtime effort to build local "social capital," or stronger community ties among residents.

Angelo was recognized for her work as the Advocacy and Business Liaison for the Winston-Salem chapter of PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays).

"I'm incredibly flattered," she said. "It just feels good to know that the work you do in the community is valued by somebody totally unrelated to what your work is."

Bass, a minister at Green Street United Methodist Church, is founder of the Institute for Dismantling Racism (IDR), which works with individuals and organizations to break down racial barriers through honest dialogue and education.

"Our greatest contribution to the community has been the awareness that we can talk about racism in a way that's not demeaning, that's not embarrassing, that's not shaming, but in a way that embraces people and challenges us and brings us to a point where we can do something about it," he commented. "I'm receiving this award in the name of all of those individuals and institutions who have come to the table and acknowledged that it's important to them."

Foster is director of the Shalom Project, which combats socioeconomic and health disparities in the West Salem community, where it is housed, and throughout Winston-Salem.

"Learning how to start up a new nonprofit is really difficult, but the ministry is such a strong one that we've been



Winners Andrea Angelo, from left, the Rev. Willard Bass, Katherine Foster, West Salem Neighborhood Association President Steven Shafer and Chevara Orrin.



WSF Executive Director Scott Wierman with Amy Kuhlman, Penny Spry and WSF Board Chair Paul Wiles.

able to attract some really great board members and financial support," she said of the nonprofit, which was founded by Green Street Church last year. "We've really been blessed."

WhiteSpace Gallery owner Chevara Orrin has resolved to promote unity in the Winston-Salem community by hosting dialogues about issues such as race relations and AIDS and events that draw a diverse audience.

"When you come to events at our gallery you see all segments of the community," she said. "I am so proud of that because I do look around in this community and still see too much segregation; I see too much separation."

Karen Johnson, the director of the Charles M. Schulz Museum in Santa Rosa, Calif., gave the keynote address at last week's awards luncheon. All the winners were nominated by local residents who felt that their contributions deserved special recognition.

## Provost named to national committee

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Dr. David H. Perrin, who is provost at The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, has been named to a three-year appointment on a national committee of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Perrin will serve on the 21-member Advisory Committee on Interdisciplinary, Community-Based Linkages of the Human Resources and Services Administration, and will represent the allied health area.

The committee was created by Congress to review programs that support interdisciplinary, community-based training as part of the goals of the Health Resources and Services Administration and the Bureau of Health Professions. It advises the Secretary of HHS and Congress on programs concerning Area Health Education Centers, Health Education Training Centers, and the Burdick Program for Rural Interdisciplinary Training, and programs in geriatrics, allied health, chiropractic, and podiatric medicine. The theme for this year's 8th annual report is "Healthcare Workforce Issues in Rural America."

He is completing his first year as provost at UNCG, after serving as dean of the School of Health & Human Performance from 2001 to July 1, 2007.

Perrin has an extensive publication record in peer-reviewed journals spanning almost 30 years. He has published six books and is editor of the Athletic Training Education Series.



Perrin

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