

We'd like to recognize Joanna Elliot of Mentor Arts Mentoring program.

Melissa Steibert, Mentor Arts Program coordinator will present this award.

Joanna has been such a source of inspiration and support to her mentee, Cody, that his father recently told Melissa, "I think all of you, this whole program, is heaven sent." Cody's father appreciates having a mentor in Cody's life to role model positive decision-making and he is so taken with this mentor relationship that he has signed his two other sons up for the program. In her role as a mentor Joanna has had her fair share of difficult conversations with Cody (mostly around the difference between poor and positive decision making) and through these conversations their trust and relationship has deepened. She is deeply committed to this relationship and has already proven that when challenges arise and the going gets tough she isn't going anywhere. She is flexible, supportive, and full of enthusiasm.

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Thank you Joanna for being such a steadfast inspirational mentor.