

We'd like to recognize Lyn Hoffelt of Community Friends Mentoring program. Kristen Hayden-West, Community Friends Program coordinator, will present this award.

During her almost 6 years with Howard Center's Community Friends Mentoring, Lyn Hoffelt has combined warmth, consistency and occasional zaniness to create a powerful, enduring friendship with her mentee. On the fun side, the relationship has featured craft projects, water fights and slumber parties. The matching rhinestone t-shirts created for a Community Friends fundraiser were a notable highlight. On the serious side, Lyn has often been the ONLY trusted adult to whom her mentee could turn while grappling with serious family and personal decisions. Even during the period when the mentee refused ANY activities except trips to the Mall, Lyn was there weekly with an open ear and open mind. Community Friends Mentoring honors Lyn for her generous nature and long-term commitment. She shows us that mentoring is both basic and profound. (131 words)

Thank you Lyn for being such a strong, dedicated, and occasionally zany mentor.