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The Association For Community Living awards Charles E. Veith Community Service Award to Greenfield Community College Career Center

Carol Leary, Colleen Kucinski and the Greenfield Community College Career Center recently received THE ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING's Charles E. Veith Community Service Award. The award was presented at The Association's 54th Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony on Monday, June 18, 2007 at The Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House in Holyoke.

The award is presented in honor of Charles E. Veith, a former Executive Director of The Association For Community Living. Veith spearheaded changes in public policy for individuals with developmental disabilities during the 1960s and 1970s. His vision served as the foundation for the statewide acclaimed programs The Association operates today. The Veith award is presented to an organization or group who follow in Veith's footsteps by using creativity and vision to support The Association and the people it serves.

Carol and Colleen have indeed followed in Veith's footsteps. They partnered with Residential Supports, a division of The Association, with recruiting enthusiastic and caring staff in the Greenfield area. Their creative vision is evident in the numerous ways they reach out to college students in Human Service and Nursing programs at Greenfield Community College: by advertising in the school newspaper, sending out flyers, emails, and placing posters in key places on the campus and at job fairs.

Their efforts help The Association fulfill valuable aspects of the agency's mission and foster an excellent collaboration between Greenfield Community College and The Association.

This is the creative community collaboration and work Veith envisioned decades ago as he began building The Association. As a result of the hard work of Carol and Colleen, the vision of Charles Veith continues to be realized

The Association For Community Living's 54th Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony was held at The Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House, 500 Easthampton Road, Holyoke, beginning at 5:00 p.m., with a sit-down dinner at 6:00 pm.

The Association For Community Living was founded in 1952 by five mothers of children with mental retardation. Headquartered in Springfield, The Association has satellite offices in Greenfield, Athol, Easthampton, Northampton, and Pittsfield. For more information on The Association For Community Living visit our website at: www.theassn.org.

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