

2007 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



SALUTE YOUR 2007 AWARDS HONOREE, JANE BLOCK

NOMINATED BY SANDRA E. MOORE



From left: Nominator Sandra Moore and honoree Jane Block



From left: George Arwady, Publisher of the Star-Ledger, honoree Jane Block, and Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards

Do you know someone who makes a difference in your community?

If you do, then nominate them for the prestigious Jefferson Award by visiting www.nj.com/jeffersonawards

Jefferson Awards honor ordinary people who, through public service, do extraordinary things for other people, their community, their nation, or the environment.

Jane Block is exceptionally deserving of the Jefferson Award. Ten years ago, Jane took a group of eight cancer survivors and developed a peer-support program for cancer patients at Hunterdon Medical Center (HMC) called "Partners in Healing" (PIH). A cancer survivor, Jane knew the fears, feelings, and questions of patients and families as they struggled to cope with a cancer diagnosis. As a woman of action, Jane did something to assist patients and families with that struggle. Today, PIH has grown to include 25 volunteers who visit hundreds of patients and families each month. Jane has shared her insights and expertise with other hospitals and organizations, to improve care provided to cancer patients throughout the State. Under Jane's leadership, in 2002 PIH was recognized with the Governor's Award for Volunteerism in Healthcare. PIH is only one avenue of her giving. As a member of the NJ Bankers Compliance Committee and Interfaith Hospitality Network of Hunterdon County, Jane offers expertise to others and is a key fundraiser. She's a Family Fun Run Volunteer, a supporter of the Susan G. Komen Foundation as the 2007 Local Hero in Flemington BMW's Ultimate Drive for the Cure, and, with her dog, Cookie, a Therapy Dog International Volunteer.