

# 2007 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



## SALUTE YOUR 2007 AWARDS HONOREE, BUNNIE RATNER

NOMINATED BY SUSAN McDONALD



From left: Nominator Susan McDonald and honoree Bunnie Ratner



From left: George Arwady, Publisher of the Star-Ledger, honoree Bunnie Ratner 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](http://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.

Bunnie Ratner has an impact on so many. She started volunteering as President of the Parent Teacher Council of Livingston and on the Executive Boards for numerous PTAs. For twenty-one years, she has been a volunteer for CASA (Essex County Court Appointed Special Advocate) for neglected and abused foster children. She personally sponsored a foster child who graduated from Virginia State University. She coordinated the annual high school senior – senior citizen Intergenerational Prom. For 11 years Bunnie chaired Youth Appreciation Week which includes a long list of youth and family events. She initiated Veteran visits to the schools and started a student letter writing program to our military in Iraq. She was Citizen of the Year for the NJ State Veterans of Foreign Wars. After chairing the creation of the Livingston 9-11 Memorial Garden, she plans the service at the Memorial each September 11th. She is currently chairperson of Livingston Youth and Community Services and the Juvenile Conference Committee and a member of the Livingston Municipal Alliance. Bunnie Ratner is truly a caring person.