

# 2008 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



## AMY BETH SIMON

2008 PSEG ENVIRONMENTAL AWARD MEDALIST  
NOMINATED BY PAUL JOSEPH GARDNER



*From left:* Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, medalist Amy Beth Simon, and Ed Selover, from PSEG



Amy Beth Simon (right) and her daughter (left)

Ten years ago, Amy saw a need and made a commitment to her neighborhood: she has championed for her neighbors everyday of their lives since. She founded and serves on the board of the Valley Community Watch and Civic Association organizing block watches and neighborhood events, and has spearheaded campaigns to fight off unsavory businesses and dangerous development. Amy designed and undertook a year long beautification project at our visually-neglected neighborhood elementary school, tilling soil and planting until her hands blistered,

garnering donations, writing grants and galvanizing the community. She advocated for and participated in the application and award of the Neighborhood Preservation Program with the township, a DCA grant that helps revitalize low to moderate income neighborhoods. She was successful in an effort to locate a police substation and community center in the heart of the neighborhood. Recently, she founded and became the Executive Director of the New Jersey Arts Incubator, an arts development facility.

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