



2009 New Jersey State Jefferson Awards



Sam Beard, co-founder of the Jefferson Awards, Ruth Gugliociello, and Daria Placitella, Executive Vice President, Eastern Region, PNC Wealth Management

Nominator Michael Gugliociello standing with Honoree Ruth Gugliociello

Honoree Ruth Gugliociello

Ruth Gugliociello of Morris Township was nominated by her son, Michael Gugliociello, for her extraordinary volunteer efforts with Willow Tree, a nonprofit dedicated to drug and alcohol education for youth. After the tragic loss of her son, Michael's brother, as a result of drug addiction, Ruth became active in Willow Tree in 2003 and has since raised thousands of dollars to provide funding for area schools to send kids through the program. Now Willow Tree's Board President, Ruth continues to donate time and energy. Most significant, however, is the incredible impact she makes when she shares her story with the children, empowering them to make good decisions regarding drugs and alcohol.

"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 and volunteerism efforts, do extraordinary things for other people, their community, their nation, or the environment.



Linda Bowden, President
PNC Northern New Jersey

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