

CORNERSTONE AWARD HONOREE

Cornerstone Honoree, Sherry Carter, began her 18-year career in the Gahanna-Jefferson district as a school psychologist intern in August 1984. She was hired fulltime in 1985 as a school psychologist serving Goshen Lane Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Middle School East and Lincoln High School throughout the next 10 years. As the district made the transition in providing intervention services for students into the role of a case worker, Carter was a pioneer. She set the standards and established the skill sets necessary for the position, which she held until her retirement in 2002.

Candy Greenblott, a parent who had two of her children positively affected by Carter's services, remarked, "Sherry is everything that is good, pure and true in teaching. Her involvement left everyone with a sense of hope that things would get better. She made sure there was always a plan in place, and she followed through with it." Carter was a true advocate for students and parents whose kindness, knowledge and hard work earned her respect from all who met her.

G-J Director of Special Education Mark Semer had this to say, "Sherry was an exemplary educator, employee, advocate and friend to everyone that she came in contact with. She consistently went through each day with the energy and enthusiasm of a young, creative child. Everyone respected and relied on her positive energy and her understanding of special education. Sherry was an outstanding support to teachers, parents, students and administrators. All of her colleagues told a story of how she helped a student, how she helped others and how she made a difference."