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This Year's Spirit of CONTACT Winner... Connie Gruber



*CUSA Executive Director Virginia Bainbridge, Board Member Jan Schoop,
Spirit of CONTACT Winner 2007 Connie Gruber, Board President Eleanor Letcher*

Connie Gruber is the example of a volunteer that every center would love to have. She has been at the Harrisburg, PA center for over 20 years and has held every position available to a volunteer. Connie was recently elected President of the Board of CONTACT Harrisburg. She is chair of the volunteer committee, a support worker, as scheduler and a telephone worker. She is a terrific example of a person who gives of herself in CONTACT and in her church and community. Hats off to Connie and God bless her.

By Larry Baker, CUSA Board Member

REESE BUTLER RECEIVES CONTACT USA AWARD

Reese Butler was honored at the CONVENING/CONTACT USA National Conference held in Chicago, Illinois in March, 2006, for his commitment to national suicide prevention. The inscription on the plaque illustrates the breadth of good work that Reese has accomplished.

CONTACT USA

HONORS

REESE BUTLER

For his PIONEERING WORK

In SUICIDE PREVENTION

As PRESIDENT and FOUNDER of THE KRISTIN BROOKS HOPE CENTER in 1998

NATIONAL HOPELINE NETWORK 1-800-SUICIDE

YOUTH AMERICA HOTLINE 877-YOUTHLINE

POST-PARTUM DEPRESSION HOTLINE 800-PPD MOMS

GRADUATE STUDENT CRISIS HOTLINE 800-GRAD HLP

VETERAN'S PEER SUPPORT HELPLINE 877-VET 2 VET

SPANISH SUICIDE HOTLINE: 1-800-SUICIDA

Presented at the CONVENING/CONTACT USA Conference XXXI, Chicago, Illinois

March 17, 2007

Reese continues his service as President and Founder of The Kristin Brooks HOPE CENTER.
Congratulations to Reese!

CONVENING/CONTACT USA CONFERENCE XXX11

The conference collaboration between CONVENING and CONTACT USA has worked out very well. In addition to a variety of interesting workshops, the conference offers a separate track for CONTACT USA Centers and encourages volunteers to attend. Look for the 2008 CONVENING/CONTACT USA Conference XXXII information in the fall.

Office Changes

A Message from Virginia Bainbridge, Executive Director

After three years of serving as consultants to CONTACT USA, Jo-Ann Hoffman and Kathy Lang will be passing along their CUSA responsibilities to Jan Schoop. This change will be effective as of May 15, 2007.

On April 18th the Board of Directors voted to hire Jan Schoop as our new consultant. Most of you know Jan from her years as a Center Executive Director and through her involvement with NASCOD. Jan has resigned her position on the CUSA Board to take up her new responsibilities. Within the next few weeks you will receive information about new postal and email addresses and new phone and fax numbers. Continue to use the existing ones up until at least May first.

With all the changes, some things remain the same. You can reach me, CUSA Executive Director, at 1 860 464-2144 (though I'll be off doing accreditations for a week and then on vacation for another week), or you can email me at vbainbridge@sbcglobal.net.

Again, a big "Thank You!" to Jo-Ann and Kathy. The Board of Directors and I wish them every success and thank them for helping CONTACT USA weather a significant transition.

Virginia Bainbridge