

*The Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services
Providers of Jefferson County*

2009 Community Awards

Northern New York says “Congratulations and thank you!” to Anita K. Seefried Brown, Dr. Robert J. Brown, Stephen A. Jennings, and to the Northern New York Community Foundation for their contributions to the fields of alcohol and substance abuse prevention, treatment, and awareness, and ultimately to every Jefferson County resident. These were honored September 24, 2009 at the Jefferson County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services Community Recovery Month Awards Breakfast. The breakfast, sponsored by the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County, Inc. (ASAC), Credo Community Center for the Treatment of Addictions, and Samaritan Outpatient Treatment Program, is held annually to celebrate National Recovery Month and to recognize local community members whose efforts further addiction prevention and treatment.

Anita K. Seefried-Brown was chosen by her peers to receive the 2009 Gerald DeGroot Award for providing outstanding service in the field of alcoholism and alcohol abuse. According to William Bowman, Executive Director of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council of Jefferson County, Inc., Ms. Seefried-Brown “Not only knows more about the science of community change than almost any other person in our community, her passion for the field propels prevention in Jefferson County.”

Ms. Seefried-Brown was instrumental in the development of Jefferson County’s Community That Cares Youth Development Coalition and remains active in the on-going process of sustaining this cross-community prevention effort. During her fifteen years with ASAC she has implemented or developed innumerable alcohol, tobacco or other drug and problem gambling awareness and prevention campaigns including Coach’s Handbook, Across Ages, Safe Nights for Youth, Don’t Meth Around, Creating Lasting Family Connections, Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws merchant awareness project.

Ms. Seefried-Brown, a native of Germany, holds a master’s level degree in community wellness, and New York State’s credential, CPP-G. She and her husband, Steve, live in Watertown.

The Board of Directors and staff of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council congratulate Ms. Seefried-Brown on this achievement.

Robert J. Brown, MD is the 2009 Marsala/Wertman Award recipient. This award is given to a person who has provided outstanding service to the community in the field of substance abuse.

Dr. Brown served on the ASAC Board of Directors for nine years (1994-2003) during which time he consistently promoted professional growth and adaptability throughout the field. After his retirement from medical practice he began a second career, this time as a professional in the addictions field, and he joined Credo Community Center for Addictions in 1999. While employed with Credo he helped to establish a Suboxone maintenance program.

The Board of Directors and staff of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council applaud Dr. Brown on his selection as the 2009 Marsala/Wertman Award recipient.

Stephen A. Jennings was selected to receive the 2009 Public Servant Award. This award is presented to a public official within Jefferson County who has demonstrated initiative, foresight, and a continuing active participation within their official capacity which has resulted in the broadening of the body of knowledge of the fields of alcoholism and substance abuse or has increased the quality of service to those suffering from alcoholism or drug abuse.

Mr. Jennings's foresight and organizational skills are well-recognized throughout Jefferson County's human services community and a few of the many organizations he provides voluntary service to include Hospice, Samaritan Medical Center, New York State Public Health Council, Communities That Care Youth Development Coalition, of which he is the 2008-2009 Chairperson.

The Board of Directors and staff of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council congratulate Mr. Jennings on his selection as 2009 Public Servant Award recipient.

Northern New York Community Foundation is the Jefferson County Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services Providers 2009 Community Service Award recipient. This award is presented annually to a local organization, business, or industry in recognition of contributions to the field of alcohol and substance abuse.

Northern New York Community Foundation has been a partner for prevention, education, and treatment of substance abuse for many years. Their funding of First Night's adult programming provided downtown Watertown's New Year celebrations with a delightful air of good will and family togetherness. Additionally, Northern New York Community Foundation's support of youth prevention programs, capital development of new facilities, and the YMCA has generated a net gain to the community defined as "Recovery Assets."

The Board of Directors and staff of the Alcohol and Substance Abuse Council salute all at Northern New York Community Foundation on being selected for the 2009 Community Service Award.