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**Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center Announces Volunteer of the Year
Long-Time Supporter, Joyce Carey, Receives Organization's First Volunteer Award**

GLEN ELLYN, Ill. – July 28, 2009 – The board of the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center has awarded its first annual volunteer of the year award to long-time supporter and Glen Ellyn resident, Joyce Carey. The award was presented at the organization's Open House for students, their families, volunteers and staff on May 29 at Wheaton Church of the Resurrection in Wheaton.

A retired teacher from the Glen Ellyn Public Schools and past recipient of Illinois' Teacher of the Year Award, Carey has been volunteering consistently with the Resource Center for five years. She received a one-year family membership to The Morton Arboretum in recognition of her contributions. A plaque bearing Carey's name with spaces for each subsequent winner will be hung in a prominent location in Glen Ellyn.

The award was presented in honor of long-time Resource Center founder and supporter, Ellen Weissbrodt, who passed away in September 2008.

"Ellen was the force behind the founding of the Resource Center," said the organization's board president, John Mulherin. "She was the one who identified the need -- It wouldn't have happened without her."

The "Volunteer of the Year" Award recognizes one individual for their significant contributions. Candidates must be a current and active volunteer for the program, donating a minimum of 100 hours during the 2008-9 school year; and have demonstrated an ability to produce positive changes and set an example for the children. The award was presented by the director of the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center, Jessica Rozga, and dozens of the children who attended the Open House.

The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center's mission is to provide literacy and life skills to children living in low income households in Glen Ellyn.

The Resource Center relies on the support of dozens of volunteers to assist with programming. The organization is currently seeking volunteers for 2009-10 after school program beginning on August 26. Glen Ellyn Elementary School District #41 will donate space at Lincoln Elementary School, 380 Greenfield Ave., in Glen Ellyn for the program.

The Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center provides tutoring in all academic subjects, with an emphasis on educating students for whom English is a second language. Founded in 2002, the program served nearly 100 children from low-income families during the 2008-9 school year. Nearly two-thirds of the students served are immigrants and refugees, representing families from 14 different countries in North and South America, Europe, Asia and Africa.

Refugees are defined as those who flee their homeland and cross an international border because of persecution or a well-founded fear of persecution based on race, religion, nationality, social group or political opinion. Unless the situation changes, refugees are unable to return home and must find another country in which to permanently resettle.

For information about the Glen Ellyn Children's Resource Center and to volunteer, visit www.gecrc.org or call 630-899-9919.

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