

John W. True Award presented at Regional Prevention Summit

At its Annual Prevention Summit on June 4, 2009, Communities for Alcohol- and Drug-free Youth (CADY) presented the John W. True Award for Excellence in Commitment to Youth.

This year's recipient, Guy D. Ford was recognized as a highly valued member of the CADY volunteer team and a premiere Partner in Prevention. His commitment to the wellness of area youth and families is seen in the myriad ways he serves his community. This "Jack of All Trades" has served for three years with the CADY Restorative Justice Program, as a member of the Restorative Justice Advisory Council, and on numerous community panels that ensure accountability to the victims of juvenile crime, as well as youth re-engagement with their community. He has driven vans and chaperoned youth recreational trips, mentored youth, serves as a board member on the Bridges to Prevention oversight committee, and most recently facilitated the strategic planning process with the CADY board of directors. This "do whatever it takes kind of guy," has even shoveled snow off the CADY office roof! His effectiveness is driven by a highly-developed ability to focus on solutions not problems. The generosity and caring of Guy Ford illustrates the POWER OF ONE, to make a big difference in the lives of so many.

The inscription on the award presented reads: *The John W. True Award for Excellence in Commitment to Youth is presented to Guy D. Ford, in recognition and gratitude for his generous commitment of time, support, and partnership to CADY and the youth and communities they serve. "Being True to a Child is the Best Prevention."*

The award is presented annually by CADY in honor of John W. True, former board member and SAU #48 Superintendent of Schools, whose commitment to youth was an inspiration to many. Former award recipients include: Bruce Parsons, Lisa Mure, Anthony Raymond and Marie Ross.

CADY works with schools and communities to prevent and reduce youth alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use, and to promote healthy environments and promising futures. CADY serves the towns of Alexandria, Bridgewater, Bristol, Campton, Danbury, Ellsworth, Groton, Hebron, Holderness, Lincoln, New Hampton, Plymouth, Rumney, Thornton, Waterville Valley, Wentworth and Woodstock. The CADY office is located at 94 Highland Street in Plymouth. Visit the CADY web site at www.cadyinc.org for prevention information, regional data, and educational resources.

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