



## LUCY FOWLKES BREED FAMILY SERVICE VOLUNTEER AWARD

New Hampshire Children's Trust is pleased to announce the first **Lucy Fowlkes Breed (LFB) Family Service Volunteer Award**. **Nominations will be accepted between April 1 and April 30, 2010** during Strengthening Families and Communities Month. This prestigious award will be presented by Ms. Breed on May 20 at the 2010 Smith Award for Excellence in Service to Families celebration at the Capital Center for the Arts.

**Background:** In 1972, while volunteering in a New York City childcare agency, Ms. Breed realized families needed parenting education and support to give their children the best start in life. So Ms. Breed returned to school after a ten-year hiatus to finish her BA in Psychology and MA in Developmental Psychology. She graduated in 1977 from Columbia Teachers College having focused on early childhood development and parenting education. Ms. Breed got involved with the Children's Place and Parent Education Center because she recognized the need. "At the time there wasn't much support for young families except medical care." Ms. Breed has been a long-time volunteer, founding and dedicating 20 years as the facilitator of the New Parents Support Group at the Children's Place and Parent Education Center in Concord. Ms. Breed also served as a founding trustee on the board of the NH Children's Trust Fund, dedicating 14 years as board member 8 of those years as board chair. Ms. Breed is married to a retired surgeon and the parent of two grown boys. Upon her retirement, the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund set up the Lucy Fowlkes Breed Legacy Fund in her honor.

**Criteria:** Candidates for the LFB Family Service Volunteer Award will have volunteered at a local NH public or private non-profit which serves children and/or families. The organization need not be a grantee of the New Hampshire Children's Trust Fund. The nominee will have provided direct service to families. Via their unpaid service, candidates will have worked to strengthen families and the community. The volunteer service must have taken place over the past two years, but may have started earlier. The winner must be available to accept the award on May 20<sup>th</sup> in Concord and agrees to be recognized publically through the media.

**Nominations:** Nomination forms can be found at [www.NHCTF.org](http://www.NHCTF.org) or at local family support programs and public libraries. Public agencies and private non-profits who serve children and families may complete a nomination form and submit it by noon, April 30<sup>th</sup>. Nominations can be delivered by US mail to 10 Ferry St. Suite 315, Concord, NH 03301 or faxed to 603-223-9847 or emailed to [info@nhctf.org](mailto:info@nhctf.org)

**Selection:** The selection committee at the NHCTF will review applications between May 3 and May 7. The committee will present its recommendation to the Board of Trustees on May 10 and the winner will be notified on May 11.

**Award Presentation:** May 20, 2010 at the 2010 Smith Event, Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord. This annual award will be framed and includes a cash prize.

