

2010 Lois Hole Adult Learner Award



Isabelle Tapp received the award for her outstanding commitment to her own learning. Improving her reading and writing skills was Isabelle's primary focus when she first contacted the Centre 3 years ago. At the time she was taking care of her grandson who needed help with his homework.

Isabelle wanted to be there for him and make him proud of her. Isabelle's daughter said "The independence and growth she has gained has given her the confidence

to pay her own bills, go grocery shopping on her own and so much more. Most importantly seeing my mother help my son with his home work, read him books and teaching him is such a priceless sight to see."

Not only is Isabelle helping her grandson, she has become an active volunteer with the Centre working at Raise a Reader events, doing shifts for our Casino, and sitting on the English Express Planning Committee.

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The Learning Together Adult Learners 2008/2009 were selected to receive this award.

They were recognized for their on-going commitment to the learning of their children and their own learning. The families that participated in this 36-week program persevered through many personal challenges including language barriers, financial and transportation issues, medical emergencies, and family emergencies.

Each of the adults demonstrated at least one grade level improvement in comprehension during the program and the children in the program who entered Kindergarten in the fall demonstrated a "high degree of school readiness".



2010 Lois Hole Community Leadership Award



This year's recipient Dr. Anne Price has been working at the Calgary Learning Centre for 25 years and has been involved in assessment and program planning for individuals with learning disabilities across the lifespan and has been particularly interested in sharing information through professional development and the development of resource materials. Anne is also Adjunct Assistant Professor in Applied Psychology at the University of Calgary.

She has always been a strong advocate of family literacy and initiated a family literacy network in Calgary. At the Calgary Learning Centre she was responsible for the development and overall administration of numerous family literacy initiatives and programs.

Her interest in sharing her expertise in family literacy has led her to work on provincial and national projects including "Foundational Training in Family Literacy".

As well, Anne is active in many community initiatives including Chair of the Learning Disabilities Stakeholders Group, Member of Setting Directions for Special Education Steering Committee, and Member of United Way Children's Initiative Parent Action Group to name a few.

Anne also finds the time to be a team leader on projects with Alberta Education lending her expertise to development of resources for students with learning disabilities.

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Jasper Place Child and Family Resource Centre – West End Parent Link has shown great initiative and collaboration in reaching out to all families through family literacy programs.

One example is the Books for Babies program they offered for fathers. The program was offered on a Saturday and the books were selected to reflect more of a male interest.

They also explored family literacy programming that included an

often forgotten segment of our population – seniors. As a result of their creative thinking a Rhymes that Bind program is being delivered in a senior's extended care facility. The residents attend the program each week with young families from the community. Together they sing, play and laugh – an invaluable interaction for both the young children and the seniors.

The West End Parent Link Centre has shown a strong commitment to family literacy programming and delivery of these programs in an innovative format.