

Lois Hole Memorial Literacy Awards 2013



*Geoff Rackette,
WorleyParsons*



*Judy Tran with
her tutor, Mary-
Frances Smith*

The Lois Hole Adult Learner Award

This award was present to Judy Tran. Judy moved to Canada over 20 years ago with her husband and dedicated herself to raising three children. She remembers seeing the C.O.W. Bus parked outside Caernarvon School and decided to check it out. Judy says there were lots of books to borrow, the children listened to stories, sang songs and parents participated so that they could use the activities at home.

She continued to find other programs for her children and feels that both she and her children learned a lot while having fun together.

In 2004 Judy decided it was time to focus on her English skills so that she could feel confident and continue to support her children in school. She came to the Centre and began meeting with her tutor on a weekly basis. In addition to working with her tutor, she also enrolled in English Conversation lessons and Public Speaking.

Judy recently wrote that enrolling in the adult program changed her life – she got a job at the YMCA, she now handles daily matters by herself, solves problems at work and at home.

Over the past 12 years, Judy has worked tirelessly to support her children's learning and to improve her own skills. She truly is a wonderful representative of how family literacy supports the learning of everyone in the family.

The Lois Hole Community Leadership Award

This award was presented to WorleyParsons Canada, Edmonton Operations. For many organizations in the non-profit sector, private sector support is critical to providing the level of programming that is needed in our communities.

For the past six years, WorleyParsons Edmonton has supported the work of the Centre for Family Literacy by providing time, talent and treasure.

When approached to sponsor a brand new fundraising event, they did not hesitate to commit, and An Evening of Wine and Words was launched. They have continued to be involved with the event through sponsorship, purchase of tickets and purchase of auction items. With their help, the Centre has raised over \$285,000.

A new fundraising event, Links Fore Literacy Golf Tournament, was launched in 2011 and WorleyParsons again stepped up and became involved. Their sponsorship, participation as golfers and provider of prizes helped to ensure financial success and in two years the event has raised \$53,000 for the Centre's C.O.W. Bus program.

Often when attending committee meetings for the Centre, in particular committees focused on raising funds, you would think you were at a WorleyParsons staff meeting. Current and past employees sit on or chair the Centre's Development Committee, Young Executive Committee, Links Fore Literacy Committee and the Leading with Literacy Breakfast Committee.

Last year a unique partnership was formed with WorleyParsons, the Citadel Theatre and the Centre in support of National Family Literacy Day. Thanks to WorleyParsons generosity the entire student body of St. Benedict School was treated to the play *Seussical* at the Citadel Theatre.

WorleyParsons has demonstrated outstanding leadership in supporting the work of the Centre. They have not only provided funding for programs, they have encouraged their staff to volunteer and share their expertise so that adults and families in the Edmonton area can access programs that support their learning journey.

