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Barbara Kustaborder Wins 2009 Jan Carpenter Award

The Learning Early Network and Bradford County Regional Arts Council proudly announce that Barbara Kustaborder has won the 2009 Jan Carpenter Award. This yearly award celebrates the work of an outstanding early childhood educator in memory of Jan Carpenter. Jan Carpenter was a wonderful educator who gave everything in her power to children. She was an outstanding teacher in the Bradford County Daycare System for many years.

Nominated by colleagues Nancy Callear and Helen Sides, Barbara Kustaborder is the Center Director at the Sayre Center of Bradford County Daycare. Callear wrote, “while wearing the many hats that child care providers wear each and every day....Barb always, always has a smile on her face and a calm manner.” Sides wrote, “She is open to new ideas and a key person in the PA STAR program at our center.”

A panel of Jan Carpenter’s family selected the winner based on whether the nominee demonstrates the ability to:

- *Identify the strengths of each child and work with those strengths.*
- *Manage the classroom on the basis of cooperation, reason and mutual respect.*
- *Relate to children of diverse backgrounds and create an environment that enhances each child’s ability to learn.*
- *Demonstrate creativity and be able to build necessary relationships.*
- *Demonstrate commitment and contribution to the profession, encouraging all learners to succeed.*
- *Raise public awareness on the importance of effective and committed early learning teachers.*

Previous winners of the Jan Carpenter Award include Laura Steele of Troy Head Start, and Tara Repsher of G&G Learning Center. To find information about the award go to

www.learningearly.com or call 570-268-ARTS.

Photo: Jan Carpenter's sisters Eleanor Hill and Joyce Croteau pose with the 2009 Jan Carpenter Award winner, Barbara Kustaborder (center) at the recent Learning Early Network Conference.

