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Rosie Engel wins 2009 Friends Educator Award

The Towanda Friends Meeting and the Learning Early Network are pleased to announce that Rosie Engel, Director of Canton Head Start Center, is the winner of the 2009 Friends Educator Award. In addition to the Award, Rosie and the Center will split a \$1,000 cash prize.

According to Sue Kinchy, one of a panel of judges, “Rosie identifies the strengths of each child and works with those strengths to build a caring teacher-student relationship. She clearly meets this and other criteria we used to select a winner.” Towanda Friends Meeting (Quakers) created the annual award to acknowledge excellence in early childhood teaching since brain research is identifying ages 0-6 as a time when most behaviors and interests are determined.

Debbie Laudone, who nominated Rosie for the Award wrote, “As Rosie engages her students in singing, dancing or whatever activity she has planned, You can see the love and respect she has for each student as she meets their individual needs.” Rosie has worked for Bradford Tioga Head Start at the Canton center for 27 years. She commented, “ I’ve really enjoyed my years with Head Start, but no teacher works alone. Our lunch aides, bus drivers, classroom aides and other teachers work as a team to ensure a quality program for children, so their first learning experience is a positive one.”



Photo:

Rosie Engel and Brooks Eldredge-Martin pose during the 2009 Learning Early Network Conference at the Sayre Theatre, where Rosie received the 2009 Friends Educator Award.