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Shelby County Council PTA  
Founder's Day

Honoring Our Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients

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## Forward

Founder's Day is a reminder of the substantial role that PTA has played locally, regionally, and nationally in supporting parent involvement and working on behalf of all children and families. It is a time to reflect and take pride in our accomplishments, and to renew our commitment to be a powerful voice for all children, a relevant resource for parents, and a strong advocate for public education.

PTA's founders Phoebe Apperson Hearst and Alice McLellan Birney, and the founders of Georgia's Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers, Selena Sloan Butler, were women of imagination and courage. They understood the power of individual action, worked beyond the accepted barriers of their day, and took action to change the world.

They had a simple idea – to improve the lives and futures of all our children. As much as other conditions in America may have changed, that idea has not. PTA's keep it alive.

Today, PTA is the largest volunteer child advocacy organization in the nation. Our members represent the ethnic diversity of our nation. Our members represent the ethnic diversity of our nation, and they come from the ranks of traditional families, single-parent households, blended families, grandparents, and other caring adults. Together, we continue to serve as the conscience of the country for children and youth.

Congratulations to all of this year's honorees who are recognized as individuals who are about children and have made their caring count by their devoted service to our children and youth.

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# Shelby County Council PTA Founder's Day Celebration

## February 3, 2010



# National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients



## Altruria Elementary School

*Two words truly describe Stephanie Midyett: “kindhearted” and “dedicated.” Years ago, she served as Altruria’s PTA President with her sons, served at Bolton, and then back to Altruria where her younger daughter is enrolled. She represents a diamond because her value is endless, beautiful and one of a kind. We honor a truly deserving person – Stephanie Midyett with the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.*

## Collierville Middle School

*Collierville Middle School PTA is honored to present the National PTA Lifetime Achievement Award to a tireless volunteer with a giving spirit. She currently serves on three boards, including one at a school where she no longer has children. It is truly a pleasure to work with someone who has a kind word for everyone and believes so strongly in the ideals of PTA. Congratulations to Brenda Doss.*



# Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award Recipients



## Shelby County Council PTA

### *David Bradshaw*

Fire service has been his career for many years, but David Bradshaw sees it more than just a career. As Bartlett Fire Marshal, it is his responsibility to teach fire education. However, his passion to save lives goes far beyond Bartlett's boundaries. When the Shelby County Council PTA approached the Fire Marshal Association, David led the effort to collaborate with us to get a fire education safety program into each Shelby County School. In his words, "If just one child is spared that fate, it will be worth every cent and every ounce of effort spent to make this program happen." David, the Shelby County Council PTA recognizes your efforts to help the SCC PTA educate the children of Shelby County by honoring you with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## Altruria Elementary School

### *Jennifer Reddick*

Altruria Elementary PTA is proud and honored to nominate Jennifer Reddick for the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Membership Award. She has held numerous positions on the Board as well as serving as a Room Mother. As Programs Chairman, Jenny organizes programs for meetings and uses students in various roles while recognizing their academic and creative talents and awards. This has increased the profile and participation in Altruria PTA.

# Appling Middle School

## **Laura Moodie**

Laura Moodie began her PTSA career with a bang. Her first job was to increase Parental and Community Involvement. Fortunately, she is a quick study, a tenacious team player, and loves children - all skills needed to be successful. Her fresh perspective challenges us to become a better PTSA. Appling Middle School PTSA is proud to honor her with a Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Sharon Clark**

Sharon Clark is a 21-year veteran middle school teacher. She is humble, devoted, selfless, tireless, and soft-spoken. She is known for her dedication to spending extra hours helping students and talking to parents. Her favorite part of teaching is *"watching the children light up as they grasp a new concept."* Appling Middle School PTSA is proud to award her with the Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Shelia Smith**

Sheila Smith is a dedicated volunteer with a calm, steady sense of purpose. She's also a creative artist who can make beautiful things out of nothing. These talents contribute to her success as our Vice President of Publicity and Treasurer. But her love of children is why she became the Assistant Director for our school's musical. Appling Middle School PTSA is proud to honor her with a Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Arlington Elementary School

## **LeAn Inman**

LeAn Inman, librarian at Arlington Elementary School, married for 21 years and with an 11-year-old son, has been with Shelby County Schools since 1993. She has been at Arlington Elementary for 15 years with the last five as the librarian. As a member of the PTA most of her life as a student, teacher and parent, LeAn is honored to receive this PTA Life Achievement.

# Arlington Elementary School (cont.)

## **Suzanne Smith**

Suzanne Smith, married fourteen years to Jason and mother to Haylee and Hanna, is on the PTA board at Arlington Elementary and Arlington Middle. She also serves on the AMS basketball booster club. Arlington Elementary and Arlington Middle are her home-away-from-home. She jokingly says she needs to get a job in order to have a day off. Congratulations, Suzanne!

# Arlington High School

## **Kelly Hawkins**

Kelly Hawkins, Vice President Programs at Arlington High, was instrumental in coordinating a Mock Car Crash last year. Because of her hard work and dedication it was a huge success. She is dedicated to bringing quality programs to Arlington High that encourages students to make positive decisions. Arlington High School PTSA would like to honor Kelly Hawkins with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Michelle Burcky**

Michelle Burcky, owner of Cover to Cover Bookstore, has been a true friend to Arlington High School since the school opened six years ago. Ms. Burcky goes above and beyond in her efforts to help the school and the PTSA succeed. Arlington High School would like to honor Michelle Burcky with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Arlington Middle School

## **Melissa Shuck**

Melissa Shuck, Vice-President Ways and Means, has been actively involved in several positions at Arlington Middle School. She is always willing to help in any way possible. She has spent countless hours at Arlington Middle volunteering her time to help the school be the best it can. Arlington Middle School would like to honor Melissa Shuck with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Arlington Middle School (cont.)

## **Shelia Essary**

Sheila Essary, Vice-President Membership, has done a fantastic job in selecting quality membership themes. Arlington Middle PTSA has won membership awards under Sheila's leadership. She is involved in many aspects of the PTSA and she volunteers for as many activities as possible and still works fulltime. Arlington Middle School would like to honor Sheila Essary with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Bailey Station Elementary School

## **Deanna Spangler**

Deanna Spangler has served three years on the Bailey Station Elementary PTA's Board of Managers as Hospitality VP Co-Chair, Hospitality Chair and Parent Volunteers. She has been a library and health room assistant and a room parent. One of Deanna's passions is being the leader of the Mom's In Touch Prayer Group. Congratulations, Deanna, on the PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Shirley Stevenson**

Mrs. Shirley Stevenson is a native Memphian and has a Bachelor and Master's Degree in Education. She has taught for 31 years - 29 with Shelby County Schools. Mrs. Stevenson works hard to reach students and makes a huge difference in their lives because she teaches with her heart! Congratulations to Mrs. Stevenson for receiving the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Virginia Terry**

Virginia Terry is one of those volunteers who will do whatever it takes to get the job done. She doesn't do it for recognition or prestige. She does it because she is kind, compassionate and dedicated to improving the lives our children. She has served as Vice President Ways and Means, Treasurer, and Historian. Virginia enriches the lives of everyone she meets. Congratulations, Virginia!

# Bartlett Elementary School

## **Emily Cook**

Do you need a Craft Guru or a Room Mom Extraordinaire? Look no further than this Superwoman! Who knew that spoons, keys, and toilet paper could be such awesome craft resources? She is always willing to tutor, host a luncheon, proctor TCAP and be a room mom for multiple classes. What would Bartlett Elementary School do without the amazing Emily Cook?

## **Patti McMillen**

Can a meal be nutritious and delicious? Can students and adults enjoy the SAME meal? Yes... at Bartlett Elementary School! Patti McMillen is the menu planner, food purchaser, and top chef! Patti continues her excellence by catering for the many guests that visit our school: veterans, grandparents, firefighters, government officials and more! Patti McMillen is a great cook and a wonderful hostess.

## **Tammy Spencer**

Look! Up at the school. It's Santa Claus. It's an Angel. No. It's Oma the Queen! Lightening the burden of others. Copying, pasting, creating, and giving. Able to organize and inspire in a single gesture. Who disguised as a parent, mild mannered mom from Bartlett Elementary, always ready for the cries of help from PTA, teachers and administrators. Tammy Spencer ... outstanding friend to all!

# Bartlett High School

## **Patricia Diane Myers**

Patricia Diane Myers began her years of service with Shelby County Schools in 1980, working as a bus driver and a special education assistant at Farmington Elementary School. In 1994, Mrs. Myers became the special education clerk at Bartlett High. She goes far beyond the duties of her position. Her work has been invaluable to the SPED Department and Bartlett High.

# Bartlett High School (cont.)

## **Sharon Drewry**

Bartlett High School PTSA would like to honor Sharon Drewry for her unending support. She teaches Algebra at Bartlett High School, and has served on the Board of Managers for many years. We appreciate her hard work and dedication. Bartlett High School would like to honor Sharon Drewry with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Bolton High School

## **Mike Farley**

Mike Farley is a huge advocate of children. While Bolton's Vice President-Membership, he enlisted the cooperation of administrators and coaches to increase membership with a \$2-off admission pass for home games. He was instrumental in the planning for the 2008 Bolton Mock Car Crash and serves on several committees for the school and Bartlett community. Mike sees the "big picture."

# Bon Lin Elementary School

## **Sheila Bomprezzi**

Bon Lin Elementary is proud to present Sheila Bomprezzi with the Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award. Mrs. Bomprezzi began her career in education as a teacher assistant at Ellendale Elementary and went to school at night to become a teacher. She encourages and cares about every student at Bon Lin Elementary and is dedicated to help each student at our school be successful.

## **Stephanie Horton**

Bon Lin Elementary's definition of enthusiasm and dedication is Stephanie Horton. In addition to serving as Room Mother for both of her boys' classrooms, she is always at school reading, tutoring, doing a craft, or just taking care of her hospitality duties for PTA. She is not one to say "No", and is always smiling and going the extra mile. Stephanie is truly an asset to Bon Lin Elementary.

# Bon Lin Middle School

## **René Liddle**

René Liddle has been involved in PTA for sixteen years serving as room parent, clinic volunteer, and board member. She has touched lives of students and faculty at Oak, Bon Lin Elementary, Shadowlawn, Appling, Bon Lin Middle, Bolton, and Arlington High Schools. René has been instrumental in starting Bon Lin Middle School PTSA and served as Treasurer for two years.

## **Renee Baum**

This person has a strong love for children. Renee Baum has been an advocate for children by serving for ten years in various positions at Juvenile Court before becoming a teacher in 2000. She is currently teaching at Bon Lin Middle as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Chair. Her husband reports that he sometimes has to come and knock on her room window to get her to go home!

## **Dr. Russell Dyer**

Opening a new school is tremendous work. The first obstacle was the attitude of students and parents being rezoned again. A school can only be as strong as the leader, the principal. At Bon Lin Middle School, Dr. Dyer is our strongest *Lynx*. The most impressive thing about Dr. Dyer is his strong relationship with students. He leads the *Outdoors Club* by taking students biking on many Saturdays.

# Collierville Elementary School

## **Barbara Wilson**

Barbara Wilson has tirelessly volunteered at Collierville Elementary School and the PTA for the last 9 years. Barbara graduated from State Tech, has been married for 15 years and has two children. Currently a stay-at-home mom, Barbara has served for the past three years as a Board Member and has been a key player in many of the PTA's successful endeavors.

# Collierville Elementary School (cont.)

## **Jessie Hanks**

Jessie Hanks, an art teacher at Collierville Elementary School, is in her 9<sup>th</sup> year of teaching. A graduate of Delta State and the University of Memphis, Jessie has been married for 8 years and has two young sons. Jessie served as a PTA teacher representative, designed our annual t-shirts and is instrumental in supplying artwork for our Barnes and Noble fundraising events. Congratulations, Mrs. Hanks.

## **Mike and Paige Omar**

Mike and Paige Omar, co-owners of Morgreen Nursery, help keep our school beautiful! In the past 8 years, while Paige served on the PTA Board, they have donated plants, mulch and time to help create sensory, butterfly, and grade-level gardens, and planters for the school. Collierville Elementary School PTA would like to honor Mike and Paige Omar with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Priscilla Ray**

Priscilla Ray, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Collierville Elementary, has been teaching for 32 years. She graduated from Memphis State, married her high school sweetheart and has two grown sons. Mrs. Ray has received numerous awards for teaching. She shows her support for PTA by serving as a teacher representative. Mrs. Ray is also the sponsor of Student Government which collaborates with PTA.

# Collierville High School

## **Kesha Cohran**

Kesha Cohran is an amazing force for children. Through her work with Bridge Builders, SGA and PTSA, she is always coming up with new ways to engage and inspire our youth. She has been invaluable serving as the teacher representative on our board of managers. Collierville High School PTSA is proud to present her with a Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Collierville Middle School

## **Maribel Hoss**

Collierville Middle PTA is proud to honor Maribel Hoss with a Tennessee PTA Life Achievement award. She has spent eleven years on the front line, aka our school's front desk. Ms. Hoss answers the phones, controls Raptor, directs visitors around the confusing campus, administers medicines, and keep students in dress code. Ms. Hoss helps the PTA with membership envelopes, fundraiser orders, deliveries, and so much more.

# Crosswind Elementary School

## **Veronica Bohanna**

This Lifetime Achievement winner truly deserves this honor. She always has a smile. She has been a room mom at Crosswind Elementary. She has acted as Kids Kan Chair as well as serving on the Board in various positions including Vice President Programs and Vice President Legislation. This year, Veronica Bohanna is serving as President, while also organizing the Turkey Trot Fundraiser.

## **Tom Cornell**

Tom Cornell wears many hats. He is a pilot, proficiency check airman, and cockpit defense instructor for FedEx. He served two years on the board of directors for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Tom is president of his homeowners association, an assistant basketball coach, and owner of the "Crepe Maker" restaurant that generously donates to not only our school but also many charities.

## **Marilyn Grayer**

Marilyn Grayer has been at Crosswind since the doors open. She is a Teacher of Excellence, sponsors the in-school "We Delivery Mail" program, chair of the school improvement plan, and a before-school tutor. Mrs. Grayer has taught for 28 years to first, second, and third grade students. As the parent of a recent high school graduate, she strongly supports PTA's mission.

# Dexter Elementary School

## **Debbie Strock**

We would like to nominate Debbie Strock for the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award. Debbie has served as a Teacher Representative for two years. she encourages parents and co-workers to join PTA with the goal of 100% participation. Debbie provides feedback based on her experience about upcoming events. Debbie is an asset to Dexter Elementary PTA and deserves this prestigious award.

## **Karen Williams**

We would like to nominate Karen Williams for the Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award. Karen has served for five years in the following positions: two years as Vice-President Room Parents and Vice-President Programs, and is currently the President. Karen is dedicated to helping her school and follows through to ensure that the job gets done. She accomplishes these tasks with great initiative and a positive attitude.

# Dexter Middle School

## **Chrissy Mathis**

As Vice President Programs, providing refreshments at Dexter Middle School PTA meetings, coordinating student showcases, grilling hot dogs on field day, and using her resources to ensure that dances are magically decorated, Chrissy Mathis does it all. When asked why, she replied, "I enjoy seeing smiling kids during all successful events."

## **Jim Nasso**

You think that being married to the President of the PTA at Dexter Middle School means Jim Nasso was "made" to help with all the events, but he volunteers on his own. He helps at all events and gives of his time with the "Watch Dog" program. He is supportive of his wife, family, and Dexter Middle School. Thank you for all you do, Jim.

# Dexter Middle School (cont.)

## **Renaldo Wilkes**

Renaldo Wilkes has been the plant manager at Dexter Middle School since opening in 2002. His job is to keep the school clean and safe, but Mr. Wilkes does so much more. He ushers the students into the building daily with a smiling face; he volunteers his time to help individuals and organizations. We honor Mr. Wilkes with the Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Dogwood Elementary School

## **Jolie Williams**

Jolie Williams is in her fourth year as an administrator at Dogwood, a place she calls home. She fits right in with the students, staff, and parents. She always has a smile on her face and can often be seen eating lunch with the students! She is self-driven, results-oriented and always has a positive outlook. It is with joy and pleasure that we present this award.

## **Lou Carmichael**

Lou Carmichael began her career as a teacher in 1997 at Dogwood Elementary. She has taught first grade and third grade. Mrs. Carmichael has been the yearbook advisor, the school web master, and worked on various extended contract opportunities. She has been co-teaching with the special education teacher this year. We honor Lou Carmichael with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Trish Vaughan**

Trish Vaughan became involved at Dogwood in the fall of 2004 as a co-room parent for her youngest child's kindergarten class. Over the next several years, she has served as an AR mom, library volunteer and assistant treasurer; and currently as Treasurer. In addition, she has assisted with tours for prospective students. It is an honor to recognize Trish with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Donelson Elementary School

## **Amy McDaniel**

Amy McDaniel has been invaluable to the schools in our community. She has served on PTA Boards as Treasurer, Secretary, and co-chair of Ways and Means and Spiritual and Family committees. Currently Amy is serving as the first President of Donelson Elementary PTA and co-chair of Programs for Arlington Middle PTSA. Her knowledge and experience have ensured a successful beginning for Donelson Elementary.

## **Leighanne Bishop**

Leighanne Bishop is a great example of a volunteer Donelson Elementary can depend upon. While opening Donelson Elementary, Leighanne has donated her time whenever needed -- sometimes within 5 minutes of the call for help. She is there for all aspects of fundraising: organizing pizza parties, Donelson's auction party, setting up and selling at the book fair. Leighanne is fantastic volunteer-parent for Donelson.

# E. A. Harrold Elementary School

## **Kate Armitage**

Kate Armitage is such an asset to the E.A. Harrold PTA family. She has worn many hats: served as President for two years, Family Involvement Coordinator, Room Parent, Carnival Coordinator and Queen! She is a substitute teacher and a leader in the community while involving students and teachers in theater productions at the Playhouse 51. We love Katie, her dedication and positive spirit.

# Ellendale Elementary School

## **Jean Hopper**

Jean Hopper became involved with Ellendale PTA as parade float chairperson 2 years ago. She jumped in with both feet volunteering for anything that was needed. She currently serves as the Vice President Ways and Means and co-room parent in both of her children's classrooms. Jean puts her whole heart in furthering the excellence of Ellendale Elementary.

# Ellendale Elementary School (cont.)

## **Sylvia Rhodes**

*Sylvia Rhodes deserves all recognition and our gratitude. She is a well-respected administrator at Ellendale Elementary. Sylvia is a dedicated problem solver for her faculty, staff, students, and parents. Because of her professional leadership, her teachers say she is their lifesaver! Ms. Rhodes has the respect of all students because she has proven she is a thoughtful and caring person.*

## **Tracy Green**

*Tracy Green is a true asset at Ellendale. For the past 6 years, she has done everything from running the school clinic to room parent to chairing Health and Safety. She is the first to volunteer in whatever capacity she is needed. She is a multi-talented individual that can decorate with zero money and cook up a masterpiece with just a few ingredients.*

# Elmore Park Middle School

## **Elisa Thomason**

*It takes a very special person to be a volunteer, especially in the clinic. But that is what Elisa Thomason does. Her unwavering support of the Elmore Park Middle School students is apparent. Without her hours spent in the clinic, the administrative staff would have to handle this function, in addition to their other responsibilities. We salute Ms. Thomason for her dedication.*

## **Rachel Wetzel**

*Teachers have a big job, especially in middle school. When a teacher as committed and enthusiastic as Rachel Wetzel comes along, it's truly a blessing. Mrs. Wetzel gives of herself tirelessly to Elmore Park Middle School. Quick to volunteer and always wearing a smile, she is an asset to the school and PTSA. It is a pleasure to have her on our team.*

# Farmington Elementary School

## **Kate Crowder**

We are fortunate to have Kate Crowder teaching at Farmington, but also leading an after-school drama club and coordinating and co-directing an annual stage production that requires a full-fledged audition. The play involves students, kindergarten through fifth grade, performing onstage, co-directing, or doing backstage jobs. Behind the scenes, she and husband, Cory, are raising two children, Oliver and Polly.

## **Wendy Vires Pitt**

A product of Shelby County Schools, Wendy Vires Pitt introduced the *Passports Program* to Farmington Elementary. A limited number of students in kindergarten through fifth grade can sign up for this after-school activity each semester. It provides a way for children to learn about various countries throughout the world. Outside of school, Wendy spends time with her husband, Brad, and her kindergartner, John.

# Germantown Elementary School

## **Ann Griffin**

Germantown Elementary is lucky to have Ann Griffin as our PTA president. She selflessly has given many hours as President as well as coordinator of Accelerated Reader and Tutoring. She has been active in Germantown Elementary's PTA for seven years. Her diligence has benefited all of our students and faculty. Germantown Elementary School PTA is proud to honor her with this award.

## **Kathy Bousson**

Germantown Elementary is blessed to have the amazing teacher, Kathy Bousson. She started teaching first grade at Germantown Elementary twelve years ago. Mrs. Bousson is kind, loving, and dedicated to teaching and has a genuine desire to better the lives of children. She is a tireless supporter of Germantown Elementary and the PTA. Germantown Elementary School PTA is proud to honor her with this award.

# Germantown Elementary School (cont.)

## **So Chhim**

Germantown Elementary is fortunate to have Coach Chhim running our P.E. program. He graduated from Craigmont and University of Memphis. In April 2009, he received the Germantown Education Commission Teacher of the Month. Whether it is the Race for Education, Sock Hop, or the Spring Fling, you will always see Coach Chhim. Germantown Elementary School PTA is proud to honor him with this award.

# Germantown High School

## **Jan Douglas**

Jan Douglas served as the Volunteer Coordinator as well as Health and Safety at Germantown Middle School before taking on the same roles at Germantown High. Under her leadership, volunteer hours have nearly doubled. She has reached out to new families and found places for them to contribute. Germantown High School is proud to have Jan Douglas on the Red Devil team.

# Germantown Middle School

## **Ken Hoover**

Ken Hoover implemented and has lead the terrifically successful Watch D.O.G.S. program at Germantown Middle School. He attends school board and county commissioner meetings, has researched rezoning policies across the nation, and serves on the SCS rezoning committee, always keeping our PTA informed. Ken is the father of four at three SCS schools, active in church, and sings in a barbershop quartet!

## **Stephanie Rollen**

Stephanie Rollen's positive, refreshing attitude and willingness to try new things has contributed to her success as Germantown Middle School PTA President the last two years. She created a school garden used for everything from growing vegetables to enhancing the science curriculum! Steph is the Mother of two at two SCS schools, a master gardener, and a professional chef!

# Highland Oaks Elementary School

## **Debra Anthony**

She is a dedicated volunteer, which lead to her nomination as a board member, where she has worked even harder. No matter the task, she does not complain. With her positive attitude and focus on our children's well-being, Highland Oaks Elementary PTA presents Debra the Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Sharon Olofinsua**

"I told you that I do not work for the PTA!" she says with a smile. This caring secretary makes our job easier and she keeps everyone on task. Although she fusses, she does with genuine love. We absolutely adore her. For her compassion and dedication, Highland Oaks Elementary PTA is proud to present Ms. Sharon Olofinsua (aka Ms. O) with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Sherrilyn Mason**

Although her child has only been at the school for the last three years, she has been a dedicated board member for the last four years. She works diligently and creates a cohesive environment for our board. For her innovation and determination to provide the best for our school, the Highland Oaks Elementary PTA is proud to present Mrs. Sherrilyn Mason with the Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Houston High School

## **Pam Penn**

Teaching in Shelby County for more than 25 years, Pam Penn is a dedicated, hardworking professional and role model. Chosen as a 2004 SCS Exemplary Teacher, she has been a two-time recipient of the Mustang Spirit award for her dedication and commitment at Houston High. Houston High PTSA is pleased to present Mrs. Penn with the Tennessee Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Houston High School (cont.)

## **Susan Danforth**

This is Susan Danforth's sixth year working as a crossing guard for several SCS schools. If she looks familiar, it might be because this year her three posts are Farmington, Dogwood, and Houston High. Susan, an Oreoloving, feisty and determined Houston parent is always ready to help. Houston High School PTSA is proud to honor Mrs. Danforth with the Tennessee PTA Life Achievement Award for 2010.

# Houston Middle School

## **Leslie Bouldin**

Leslie Bouldin has been an active PTA member for twelve years. She has served on the board at Houston Middle for five years, chairing Membership, Ways & Means, and Data Entry. Dogwood Elementary benefited from her ten years of service in various PTA positions. Leslie's family includes her husband, Rand, and her three children, Randy, Amanda, and Jacob. Houston Middle School thanks her!

## **Reggie Gipson**

Hearing the need for positive male role models, Reggie Gipson graduated from the University of Memphis in December 2001 and began teaching at Riverdale in 2002. He transferred to Houston Middle where he teaches math. He is an SGA advisor and works alongside students in community service projects. He has been married for twelve years and has two daughters.

# E.E. Jeter Elementary School

## **Sandra Dolce**

Sandra Dolce is a role model as a parent and a PTA member. While her child, Wyatt, has excelled academically, she and her husband have gone the extra mile to insure that the wonderful, nurturing environment is sustainable for not only Wyatt but for future students. She volunteers for some of the most difficult and labor-intensive roles -- all in an effort to support an excellent school, E.E. Jeter.

# Lakeland Elementary School

## **Teresa Henry**

If you need something done, call Teresa Henry. She has been on the Lakeland Board since her son started Kindergarten, 5 years ago. She is currently serving as the Parental Involvement Coordinator. Teresa is truly committed at heart and exceeds expectations in all that she has does. Congratulations on winning the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award and Best Wishes!

## **Teresa Ford**

Along with being a full-time Cardiac Nurse and Aerobics Instructor, Teresa Ford is currently serving her first time on the Board as the Vice President Ways and Means at Lakeland Elementary, where she continues to push to her limits. She has introduced a "fun run" to raise money. Teresa's "think outside the box" approach is a great asset to Lakeland. Congratulations, Teresa!

# Mt. Pisgah Middle School

## **Stanley Travis**

Mr. Stanley Travis, staff member at Mt. Pisgah, is a long-time member of PTA. He has worked diligently to support the children and board members for years. Any time we need his support, he accommodates us with his smile and friendly attitude. We are honored to present Mr. Travis the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Sue Erwin**

Mrs. Sue Erwin is dedicated to the Shelby County community. She has been a classroom mom, an Arlington football booster, a member of SYS, and a volunteer at Chimneyrock Elementary and Mt. Pisgah Middle. She has chaperoned trips and worked with the Mt. Pisgah's Student Government. The Mt. Pisgah staff and PTA appreciate and love her.

# Oak Elementary School

## **Ronda Hobbs**

Ronda Hobbs has been a volunteer at Oak Elementary for three years. Trying to raise money to replace outdated computer equipment, Mrs. Hobbs initiated a program of collecting empty Capri Sun containers for pick up every Friday; then spent weekends preparing them to be shipped for reimbursement. Her efforts encouraged students to “think green”. Ronda’s involvement makes her a worthy recipient of this honor.

# Rivercrest Elementary School

## **Bettie Maute**

Bettie Maute is the first person you meet at Rivercrest. Bettie’s official title is “**Medical Records Clerk**” but she does SO much more. From knowing the families by name, to caring for ill children as if they were her own, to her great sense of humor - we could not do it without her. A warm welcome to all visitors is assured.

## **Karla Norman**

Karla Norman is the Librarian for Rivercrest Elementary. She ensures an abundance of materials is available; keeps us informed of literary events, websites, and anything else to make reading exciting and fun. She invites guest authors and illustrators to speak to students about writing, reading, and drawing. Karla Norman inspires children to look at reading as a journey in life.

## **Laura Moore**

Laura Moore is President of Rivercrest Elementary School PTA. Over the past twenty-six years, she has been a part of eleven different PTA’s in five different states and has served in the following capacities: PTA Vice-President (two terms), Membership Chair (four terms), Hospitality Chair (over eight terms), Cultural Arts (two terms), and Fundraiser/Ways & Means Chair (two terms). Thank you!

# Riverdale Elementary School

## **Evelyn Jones**

*Evelyn Jones has been an inspiration to the members of Riverdale PTA. Thrust into her Presidency earlier than planned; she took it all in stride and showed devotion and concern for our school and our PTA board. She has been a sounding board and a mentor and we will miss her terribly next year. Thank you so much for everything!*

## **Karri Larose**

*In over ten years, Karri Larose has never failed to show appreciation for our PTA. First as librarian, then a classroom teacher, she has been an integral part of our Riverdale family. Her continuous efforts, while working toward her second Master's degree, show the dedication she has to the quality of our school. We are so lucky to have her!*

## **Kathleen Fisher**

*Kathleen Fisher has served Riverdale School faithfully for over a decade, always with a willingness to listen and the flexibility to go the extra mile. While the Riverdale Guidance Department has seen many changes, Mrs. Fisher has been a steadying influence. She has shown unending support to our PTA and is a welcome addition as our Faculty Representative this year.*

# Schilling Farms Middle School

## **Diane Douglas**

*Diane Douglas started Bailey Station's Bear Boogie, which raised tens of thousands of dollars to support the teachers and students. At Schilling Farms Middle School, she is a workhorse – when called she is there with whatever is needed. As the Volunteer Coordinator, she singlehandedly secures volunteers for events, and more often than not, she works alongside! The epitome of a true selfless, helpful volunteer: Diane Douglas*

# Schilling Farms Middle School (cont.)

## **Robert Johnson**

Mr. Robert Johnson, Schilling Farms Middle School Building Engineer, is a true friend to all. He is ever-patient, and an encourager throughout the day. He is a superior advocate to the PTSA, and always willing to assist. One teacher stated, "Parent volunteers come and go, but Mr. Johnson is always here, helping with a smile. We count on him no matter what!" We love you, Mr. Johnson!

# Shadowlawn Middle School

## **Carolyn Moss**

Carolyn Moss is completing her 6<sup>th</sup> year in Shelby County Schools as a school counselor at Shadowlawn Middle School. Before moving to Memphis, she worked in the DeKalb County School System in Atlanta for seventeen years where she was recognized as DeKalb County's Counselor of the Year in 2000. We would like to recognize Carolyn Moss as the recipient of the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Southwind Elementary School

## **Anita Smith**

Energetic. Optimistic. Dedicated. Hard working. These adjectives describe Anita Smith perfectly. She works tirelessly to enter memberships into OMDR, and encouraging families and teachers to join PTA. With her leadership as Membership Chair, Southwind Elementary has had 100% teacher membership for the last two years. She is optimistic that 100% parent membership will be achieved. Congratulations, Anita.

## **Dennis Kimbrough**

Southwind Elementary School PTA is proud to award the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award to a strong child advocate - Mr. Dennis Kimbrough. For years, Mr. Kimbrough has been just a phone call or email away. Whether by supporting us with his presence during monthly meetings, grilling hot dogs, or sharing valuable information that benefits our students, we can always count on him to be there.

# Sycamore Elementary School

## **Angie Knight**

Ms. Angie Knight, music teacher at Sycamore Elementary, has led our children in song for ten years. Angie has orchestrated programs during “Immersion Day”, “Open House”, “We are the World”, and “Fair on the Square”. She is a cultural ambassador, weaving a tapestry of music, which complements the global diversity of Sycamore. Thank you, Ms. Knight!

## **Micah Miller**

Officer Micah Miller contributed invaluable service during his six-year tenure as Resource Officer for Sycamore Elementary. Officer Miller has been our resource for “Stranger Danger”, “Making Good Choices”, and “Bicycle Safety”. He is a newlywed and pursuing a degree in Business and Organizational Leadership from Union University.

## **Sulah Lee**

Mrs. Sulah Lee has been involved in the Sycamore PTA for many years. She is committed to excellence and dedicated to service. Her selflessness can only be appreciated but never duplicated. Sulah exceeded expectations for all projects she undertook. Sulah’s tireless efforts created a better organization for the School, county and state. Thank you for all that you do, Mrs. Lee.

# Tara Oaks Elementary School

## **Charla Bartozzi**

Tara Oaks Elementary PTA is proud to select Charla Bartozzi to receive the Tennessee Life Achievement Award. Charla has been a member of the Tara Oaks PTA for eleven years and on the Board of managers for six years. Charla has held many positions including Membership, Programs, Health Room, Parent Volunteers, and her current position of as President. Thank you, Charla for all that you do.

# Tara Oaks Elementary School (cont.)

## **Trina Carson**

Tara Oaks is proud to honor Trina Carson with the Tennessee Life Achievement Award. Trina has been an integral part of Tara Oaks for many years. In addition to volunteering countless hours, Trina has used her creative, artistic gift to transform the halls and classrooms of our school into beautiful works of art for events such as teacher appreciation week, Memphis in May and science labs.

## Submitted after Printing of Book

## Lowrance Elementary School

### **Marvis L. Davis II**

Mr. Marvis L. Davis II, Physical Education teacher at Lowrance Elementary, has over eight years of experience as a teacher. Mr. Davis is excited to combine all of his unique athletic, coaching and life experiences to create a physical education program dedicated to educating the whole child and inspiring them to remain physically fit for a lifetime.

### **Staci Hendrix**

Ms. Staci Hendrix, a seven-year employee of Shelby County Schools is currently the Title 1 Facilitator at Lowrance Elementary School. She is dedicated to the students and parents; and has worked to help organize our new successful PTA. Lowrance Elementary is proud to present her with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

### **Mrs. Esther Hughes**

Mrs. Esther Hughes has been an employee of the Shelby County School System for four years. She is currently an Educational Assistant at Lowrance Elementary School. Mrs. Hughes is always willing to help others and goes beyond the call of duty to assist all students. We are proud to present her with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

# Macon-Hall Elementary

## **Kari Young**

As the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade chairperson multiple times, it is no surprise that her peers, students, and parents cherish Kari Young. Whether it is working on the School Improvement Plan, the Sunshine Committee, making Macon Hall Christmas Cards, or sharing literature, she seeks to devote herself to her students and her school. Macon-Hall PTA is honored to award her the Tennessee PTA Life Achievement Award.

## **Joe Channell**

Whether it is helping during lunch, working and donating thousands of cans for KidsKan, planting a tree, helping with field day, providing supplies to teachers, making a boat for Immersion, or pulling a tooth, Joe Channell is a consummate example of how volunteering can make a difference. Macon Hall PTA is honored to award Joe Channell the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.

## **Patti Chambers**

For five years, she has captured the memories of Macon-Hall for the yearbook. Coordinating *Camp Invention*, and integrally involved in the Science Fair, Patti Chambers seeks to encourage students with new opportunities and programs. She is greatly appreciated for her technological expertise and her great sense of humor. We honor Patti Chambers with the Tennessee PTA Lifetime Achievement Award.