

Jefferson Award June, 2007



In June, 2007, Betty Frederick was awarded the local Jefferson award for public service for her service at Heathers Haven, helping women in recovery become women of integrity.

For more information on the Jefferson Award, see their web site:

<http://www.jeffersonawards.org>

Nomination Letter:

February 9, 1998, on Vilas Rd in Central Point a drunk driver crashed into Betty's car, killing fifteen-month-old granddaughter Heather, severely injuring Betty.

In 1993, after much soul searching, and a miraculous recovery Betty opened Heathers Haven, the first Clean and Sober Housing for women in Oregon.

Punishment after harm was not her idea of solving the problem. Something should be done before someone gets hurt. If she could save one family from that tragedy, her life would have meaning.

After thirteen years of Betty's devotion, hundreds of women are clean, sober, and productive citizens of our community. Somewhere in Southern Oregon there is a family with a smiling child full of life that was not killed by a drunk driver because the driver that would have been drunk, was sober. And no one knows who that family is.

Betty works day and night, providing a safe environment and inspiring women to remain clean, and sober and to become productive.

Betty herself has had no addiction problem, no pay, no government support and no time to raise funds. She has donated hundreds of thousands of dollars, and had triple bypass heart surgery. Where her heart is, there is her money also.