

Local residents receive high honors for commitment to community

WINSTON-SALEM, NC - The Winston-Salem Foundation announced the 2008 Winston-Salem Foundation Award and the ECHO Awards at its annual community luncheon on May 7 at the Benton Convention Center. **The Winston-Salem Foundation Award**, the Foundation's highest honor, was co-awarded to **Amy Kuhlman** and **Penny Spry**.



Amy (l) and Penny (r) have volunteered their time and legal skills to the care and protection of hundreds of children in our community. For many years they both volunteered at the Legal Aid Society of North Carolina, serving as Guardian ad Litem for children who had been subject to abuse and neglect. In 2005 they founded The Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina, a non-profit agency exclusively dedicated to providing advocacy for children in areas including issues of domestic violence, high conflict custody, abuse and neglect, and education. The Center currently utilizes the assistance of 33 volunteer attorneys, Wake Forest University law students,



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undergraduate students and community members who have been trained to be Guardians Ad Litem by the Children's Law Center. Their ultimate goal is to enable these children to become emotionally healthy adults leading productive, fulfilled lives. In addition to their pro bono legal assistance, both Amy and Penny often have taken at-risk children under their wings, providing the emotional and financial support they need to help them succeed.

Established in 1996, the award is given to individuals who demonstrate the Foundation's values of generosity, excellence, inclusion, and integrity along with visionary leadership in a community activity or on behalf of a community organization, particularly in the recent past. Past recipients have led nonprofits, provided community leadership, and created opportunities for the broader community. The recipient was selected by a committee comprised of members from various Foundation committees and the community at large.

With this recognition comes a \$10,000 grant for Amy and Penny to designate for a local nonprofit. They have chosen **The Children's Law Center of Central North Carolina** to receive the grant award. They were nominated by Liz Morten and David C. Smith.