



MONICA HERBERT AWARD

History of the Award

The Monica Herbert Award has been inspired by the courage, devotion, hard work and commitment to working with and helping children that has been demonstrated by Monica Herbert.

We were sad to learn that on July 5, 2019, Monica Herbert passed away. Monica was a loved wife and loved mother of two sons and a daughter. She graduated from the Child Care Worker program at George Brown College in June of 1988 and began work on a Bachelor of Arts Degree at the University of Waterloo. She worked and trained in play therapy at Homestead Group Home, in Goderich, with Betty Bedard-Bidwell. Monica has used her skills to help many children and showed an interest in working with clients with autism. Her future included Certification as a Child Psychotherapist and Play Therapist with the Canadian Association for Child and Play Therapy, completion of her education and the continuation of a private therapy practice with children.

Monica was a courageous woman who struggled with many challenges and difficulties during her life. In November of 1992 and January 1993, she underwent brain surgery to correct life-threatening aneurysms. Her recovery was slow, and she continues to suffer from severe aphasia (severe language and communication disorder). The possibility of her being able to continue the life and work she loved was doubtful.

The establishment of The Monica Herbert Award allows us to recognize and appreciate the accomplishments and contributions Monica made to her family and the children she worked with.

Past Recipients:

Bridget Revell
Cindy Taylor
Sandy Foster
Dr. Betty Bedard-Bidwell
Bonnie Bodnar
Dr. Evangeline Munns
Lynn Pinterics & Linda Perry
Gregory Lubimiv
Sandra Webb
Lorie Walton
Dr. Nancy Riedel Bowers

Ken Gardner
Hannah Sun-Reid
Kathy Eugster
Susan Garofolo
Liana Lowenstein
Theresa Fraser
Dr. Laura Mill
Barbara Jones Warrick
Margot Sippel
Elizabeth A. Sharpe
W. Kip Sharpe

Edward Vella
Lori Wareham - Mulrooney
Krysteli Needham