

Our honorees at our **110th Annual Conference, November 2010:**

Jane Bierdeman-Fike received the Elaine Aber Humanitarian Award

Jane is a licensed clinical social worker. She was the director of Psychiatric Social Work at the Fulton State Hospital for a number of years. She was a lecturer in Social Work in Health Care and Human Behavior and Social Environment at William Wood University. She was a lecturer in Public Social Policy and Mental Health Policy at the University of Missouri -- School of Social Work as well as a Research Assistant at Washington University, George Warren Brown School of Social Work. She has been a Case Worker, Ward Social Worker, Public Assistance Worker and she did field instructions for all of the School of Social Work which whom she has been associated.

She received the Athena Award International “for giving leadership in the Social Work Profession and the Community” by the Callaway County Chamber of Commerce. She received an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from William Woods University in 2001.

Most recently she gave the commencement address at the University of Missouri, College of Human and Environmental Sciences, which included three hundred bachelor, masters, and doctoral degree graduates from six Schools in the College.

Jane has been a member of MASW since 1944 and remains active today with the Central Chapter and the Economic Justice Task Force.

Francie Broderick received the Herman & Dorothy Johnson Local Advocate Award

Since 1989, Francie Broderick has served at the Executive Director of Places for People, a community based psychiatric rehabilitation agency that serves the most disabled of people with mental illness. Places for People provides independent living services, a day program, a group home, emergency housing, and services to people who are homeless and mentally ill. Founded in 1972, Places for People is the oldest such agency in the State of Missouri. She joined Places for People in 1975 and was responsible for programmatic and clinical functions the agency. Between 1975 and 1987 she was responsible for all functions of the agency’s day program.

Places for People have consistently maintained the highest rate of independent living of all community support providers in Missouri. The agency has developed an Integrated Treatment Program for People dually diagnosed with mental illness and substance abuse disorders which have shown statistically significant improvement among participants after the first year in

operation. Places for People in June 2004 opened the only residence designed to serve people with mental illness, substance abuse, and HIV/AIDS.

In 2006, Francie joined the Board of Directors of the Missouri Association for Social Welfare. She also serves as Guest Columnist for the St. Louis Post Dispatch.

Among her many Board and Volunteer oversight positions in the mental health community are: President of the Board, Mental Health America of Eastern Missouri; and past President of Missouri Association of Psychological Rehabilitation Services.

She received her Masters Degree in Counseling from Webster University in 1988.

George Lombardi received a Special Public Service Award

When George Lombardi retired from the Missouri Department of Corrections after completing 18 years as Director of the Division of Adult Institutions, he asked if he could join the Criminal Justice Task Force of the MASW. While heading the state adult prisons, he had regularly responded to requests to meet with the Task Force about the reentry efforts he had initiated and to receive feedback about other directions. After a short time working with the CJ Task Force, he was elected chair and generously contributed his time, experience, and expertise to both the task force and the MASW Board of Directors.

When Governor Jay Nixon asked Mr. Lombardi to return to DOC as Director of the Department, George regretfully left his leadership position with CJTF—but promised to come whenever needed. He fulfills that promise by responding quickly to calls for information, for contacts, for support whenever able. He began the Missouri Reentry Program (MRP) and continues to focus on facilitating reentry. He has been called upon by his peers to present his ground-breaking concept of “mainstreaming death-sentenced inmates” and “peer interaction training for correctional administrators.”

Despite deep budget cuts, he has found a rehabilitation activity that doesn't cost a cent and that meets a need in communities by initiating Puppies for Parole and a New Leash on Life—programs in which prisoners learn how to train dogs that were left at local shelters so they can become adoptable. He personally joins the enthusiastic interchange of prisoners, puppies, and prison staff members—who have adopted many of the puppies.

George uses the 35 years of the experience he gained by working his way up through the ranks as he exercises his responsibility for 20 adult correctional facilities, 7 community supervision

centers, 2 community release centers, and 54 parole offices across the State of Missouri. This includes approximately 11,500 staff, 75,000 probationers and parolees, and 30,000 inmates.

During his brief retirement, George was Senior Consultant of the Missouri Youth Services Institute and worked closely with the Washington, D.C. Youth Services Division. He is a past President of the Missouri Corrections Association and served as an auditor for the Commission of Accreditation for Corrections. He has lectured on criminal justice matters at the American Corrections Association, Academy of Criminal Justice Sciences, at colleges, universities and civic organizations. Mr. Lombardi organized the first annual National Conference on Prisoner Reentry. He earned a B.S. and M.S. in psychology from the Central Missouri State University—which presented him with a Distinguished Alumnus Award at their 2002 Commencement.