



Outstanding Advocate Award Sue Silver

Michigan Works!
Legacy Alternative High School
Hartland Consolidated Schools
Hartland, MI

Not many people spend their career working in education, retire, and then turn right back around and go at it full force. Not so for Sue Silvers. Sue retired from Fowlerville Schools in 2003. Sue began working at Legacy as the Student Career Coordinator for the Michigan Works! Program in 2003. Sue's energy and passion for helping students transition into their adult life appears endless. According to Legacy high school counselor Jeanne Banks, "She has been responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars coming back to the school district by writing for grant money from state, federal and private sources." From reading her nomination it is obvious that her impact on students extends well beyond the money she brings into the district for programming.

Sue "incorporated Dale Carnegie Leadership classes, Life Skills classes, summer work programs, and Mott Community classes in welding, HVAC and CNA", to name only a few. Besides paid employment, Sue has supervised Legacy students in maintaining a school garden, keeping up recycling around the building and working with wood and other materials to create artworks for the community including mini libraries, chairs and benches.

Wherever you look around Legacy, it is obvious that Sue has advocated for students, and dollars to help students be successful after high school. Her work does not end when they graduate: “She follows the students for 3-4 years after graduation updating their files and encouraging them to stay employed.” ‘Dedicated’ and ‘deserving’ are just two terms repeated repeatedly in her nomination and letters of support.

CONGRATULATIONS Sue Silver!