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## Cooperman-Bogue KidsFirst Awards for 1998, at a Ceremony Held on 1999 : 03 : 30

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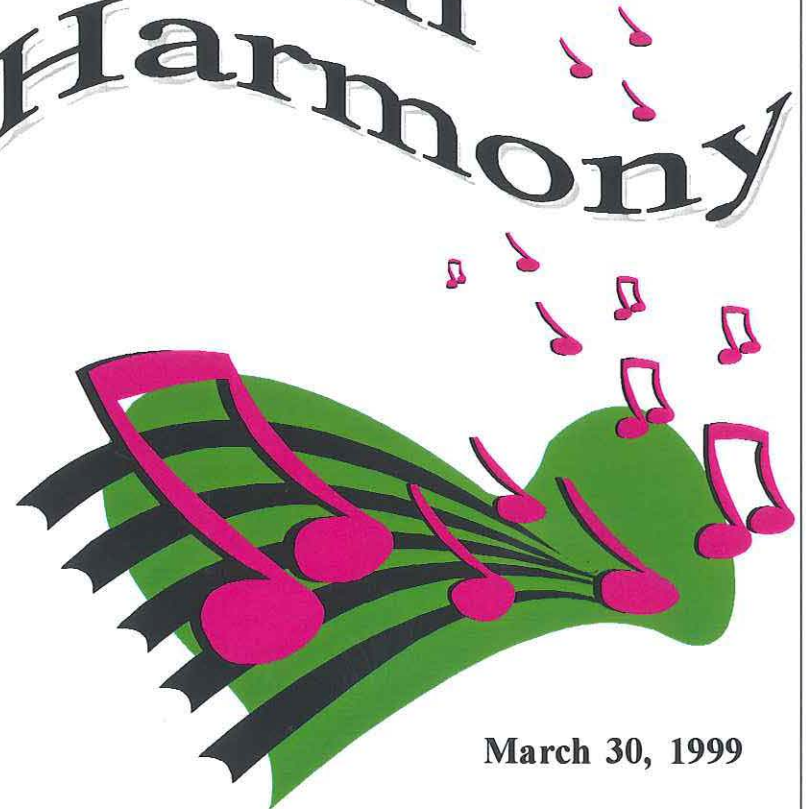
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### **ABOUT OUR CENTERPIECES...**

The pens used in this year's table decorations are provided by the JWB Human Resources Department. Please take one with you when you leave.

## 1999 Cooperman-Bogue Awards Dinner

Working  
In  
Harmony



March 30, 1999

# About Our Winners!

**Vadie Armour**, a senior youth worker, has worked at Foundation Village Neighborhood Family Center for three years. A resident of the center herself, Vadie assists other center members at all hours of the day and night. She excels at listening and providing much needed support and encouragement to folks, never being judgmental. Vadie supervises children at a variety of activities. Parents know that their children are safe and loved when they are with her, giving parents needed time to take care of matters with peace of mind.

**Karen Butler**, a family support worker, has been on staff of Healthy Start Drug Free Families since 1992. While she is only required to serve the target child in a family, she also ensures the health and safety of other siblings in the household. Her friendly personality puts families at ease, and she makes sure that she gives them the tools to be better parents. Karen was honored as the Goodwill International Student of the Year in 1997 and appeared in two of their educational videos shown throughout the country.

**Amy Chessari**, a family support worker, has worked at Healthy Families Pinellas for more than five years. Her position requires that she be flexible to meet the needs of families, and she has taken this to a whole new level. She meets with families at all hours of the day, including weekends and evenings, and once attended the birth of a baby in the middle of the night. Amy volunteers throughout the community and has returned to school to continue her education. She does all of this as a single parent, working two jobs.

**Emily Schrader**, a family support worker, has been with Healthy Families Pinellas for more than three years. Her work with families in North Pinellas County has resulted in measurable, positive outcomes for families, including improvement in parenting skills, and families being able to access resources to meet their needs. She not only meets the needs of families, but assists her coworkers in sharing her knowledge of community resources with them. Emily strives to improve her skill level and is working toward a bachelors degree in early childhood education.

# Program

**Social Hour** ..... 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

**Welcome** ..... 7:00 p.m.

*Myrtle Smith-Carroll*, Chair  
Juvenile Welfare Board  
*James E. Mills*, ACSW  
Executive Director  
Juvenile Welfare Board  
Emcee, *Jim Reynolds*, President  
Youth As Resources

**Dinner**

**Keynote Speakers:**

*Wendy Hall*  
Pinellas America's Promise  
*Jennifer Hou*  
Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Pinellas County  
The Hospice of the Florida Suncoast  
*Densyl Joefield*  
Youth On The Move

**Acknowledgement of Special Guests**

**Video Presentation**

**Awards Presentation:**

*Thomas R. Moriarty*  
Former Juvenile Welfare Board Member  
Sr. Vice President, AEGON Equity Group