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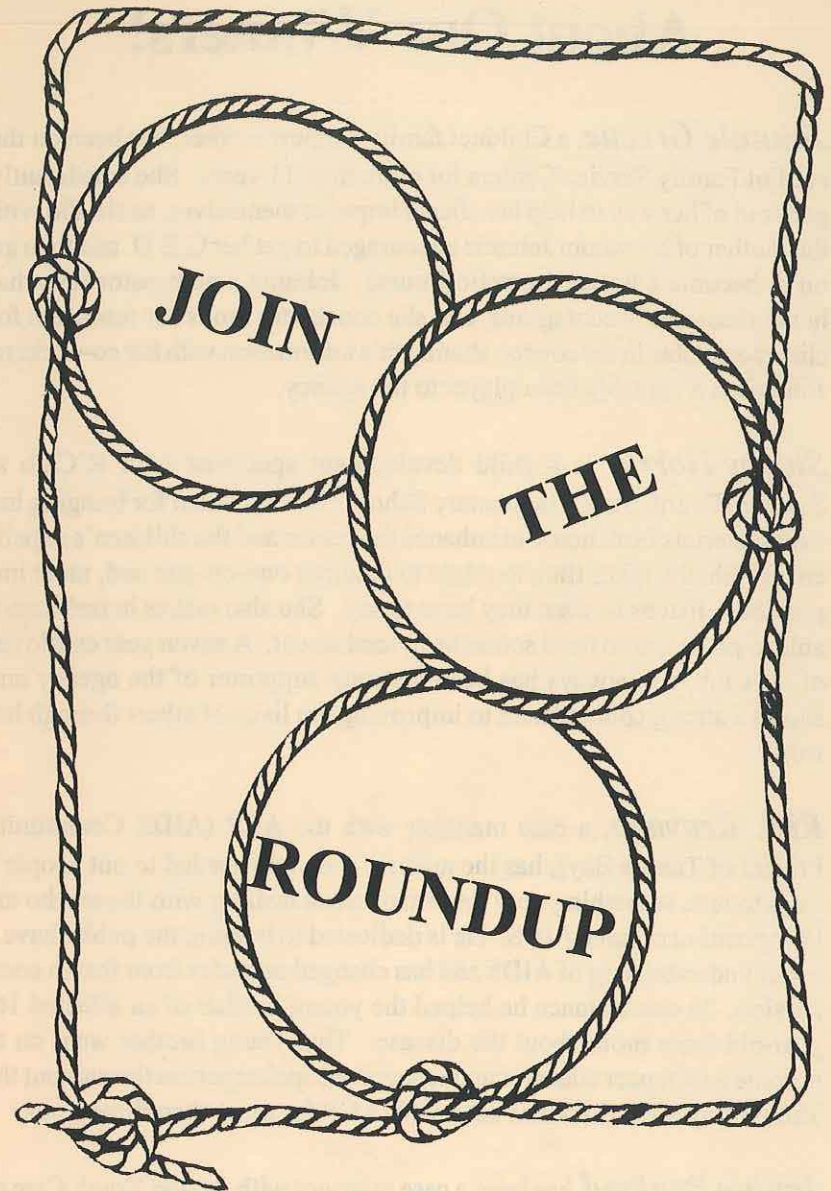


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**Cooperman-Bogue
Awards Dinner**

Thursday, April 2, 1998

About Our Winners!

Johnnie Greene, a Childnet family support worker, has been on the staff of Family Service Centers for more than 11 years. She consistently goes out of her way to help her clients improve themselves, as she did with the mother of six whom Johnnie encouraged to get her G.E.D. and then go on to become a licensed practical nurse. Johnnie's nominator says that her enthusiasm is contagious, and she constantly looks for resources for clients available in the county, sharing this information with her co-workers. Johnnie is a valuable team player to the agency.

Shelby Harris is a child development specialist with R'Club at Seventy-Fourth Street Elementary School. She is known for bringing her own materials from home to enhance the center and the children's experiences. Shelby takes time to relate to children one-on-one and, most importantly, listens to what they have to say. She also makes herself available to parents who need someone to lend an ear. A seven year employee of R'Club, she always has been a strong supporter of the agency and shows a strong commitment to improving the lives of others through her work.

Rick Kravako, a case manager with the ACP (AIDS Community Project of Tampa Bay), has the manner and style needed to put people's fears to rest, something very important when dealing with those who are HIV positive or have AIDS. He is dedicated to helping the public have a better understanding of AIDS and has changed attitudes from fear to compassion. In one instance he helped the young brother of an affected 16-year-old learn more about the disease. That young brother went on to become a teen peer educator and recognized spokesperson throughout the Tampa Bay area. Rick has been with ACP for more than three years.

Janine Penland has been a case manager with Action Youth Care of Florida for almost three years. She was nominated by one of her clients, who says, "Janine is like a walking Rolodex with resources and solutions for every problem we have faced." Her nominator also mentions Janine's positive and upbeat attitude, never being one to make excuses. She is the one person who kept the family from falling through the cracks or giving up hope. Janine's supervisor ranks her near the top in regards to "heart" and true concern for family welfare.

Program

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

Welcome 7:00 p.m.

Emcee, *Rita Ciccarello*, News Director
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Dinner

Keynote Speakers:

Sarah Arnold, Chair
JWB North County Community Council
John Gehm, Co-founder and Co-leader
Asian FACE Youth Group
Yvette Jackson, Member
Childs Park Youth Initiative Council

Acknowledgement of Special Guests

Video Presentation

Awards Presentation:

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