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**2006 Cooperman-Bogue Award Quarterly Winners,  
Corporate Recognition Award Winners Honored at Annual  
Awards Dinner, Annual Winner Named  
*Florene Baker, Winner of the 2006 Annual  
Cooperman-Bogue Award Described as "Wonderwoman"***

(Pinellas County, FL) The JWB Children's Services Council of Pinellas County (JWB) hosted a dinner honoring the quarterly winners of the 2006 Cooperman-Bogue Awards, and named the annual Cooperman-Bogue Award Winner: Florene Baker, a foster parent with the Salvation Army Children's Village.

The Thirteenth Annual Cooperman-Bogue Awards dinner was held Tuesday, March 20 at the Holiday Inn Select, in Clearwater, Florida.

Said JWB Executive Director Gay Lancaster: "I was honored to spend the evening with these extraordinary people who make a difference in the lives of Pinellas County children every day. Florene Baker, foster mother to six children, has set an example for everyone in our community."

The four quarterly Cooperman-Bogue Awards winners included:

**Florene Baker**, *Foster Parent, Salvation Army, Children's Village*

**Robert Boyd, MS**, *Focused Outreach Therapist, Suncoast Center for Community Mental Health, Inc.*

**Iris Williams**, *School Social Worker, Pinellas County Schools*

**Sharon Reid-Kane**, *Family & Community Relations Liaison, Cypress Woods Elementary School*

The 2006 Corporate Recognition Awards Nominees were:

**Allstate Insurance Company**, nominated by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County, Inc.

**Circle K Stores Inc.**, nominated by Achieve Tampa Bay/United Cerebral Palsy

**Honeywell International**, nominated by R'Club Child Care, Inc.

**Pinellas Realtor Organization**, nominated by Pinellas Village

**PSCU Financial Services**, nominated by Pinellas Village

**Raymond James Financial, Inc.**, nominated by PARC Board and Staff

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The Cooperman-Bogue Awards are named for Pinellas County community leaders Leonard Cooperman and Judge Lincoln Bogue. Mr. Cooperman and Judge Bogue drafted legislation in 1945 that forever changed the quality of life for Pinellas County's children and families. The legislation set into motion the unique taxing authority known as the Juvenile Welfare Board. In honor of these two men, JWB presents the Cooperman-Bogue Awards to compassionate, hard-working human services workers going beyond the call of duty to make a difference in the lives of children and families in Pinellas County. Each year, four are selected.

The Corporate Recognition Awards honors local businesses for their financial and volunteer assistance to JWB's funded agencies. JWB funded agencies are asked to nominate those businesses who help them make a difference in Pinellas County.

The Thirteenth Annual Cooperman-Bogue Awards and Fourth Corporate Recognition Awards are sponsored by JWB and AEGON. Nominations for the 2007 Cooperman-Bogue Awardees are now being accepted.

For more information on the dinner or the 2006 winners, or nominating information, contact Eddie Burch., Communications Specialist, at 727-547-5676, or email [eburch@jwbpinellas.org](mailto:eburch@jwbpinellas.org).

*JWB supports the healthy development of all children and their families in Pinellas County through advocacy, research, planning, training, communications, coordinating of resources and funding. For more information on the JWB Children's Services Council of Pinellas County, call 727-547-5600.*