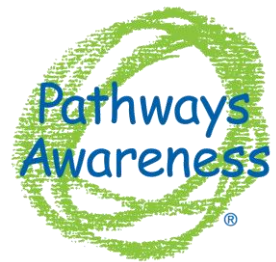


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FELICIA KURKOWSKI RECEIVES PATHWAYS PATHFINDER AWARD

*PASSIONATE ADVOCATE PRESENTED INAUGURAL AWARD FROM
PATHWAYS AWARENESS AT 26TH ANNUAL DINNER*

Dec. 22, 2010 (CHICAGO) – Pathways Awareness awarded the first annual Pathways Pathfinder Award to Felicia Kurkowski, senior program director at Pathways, for her extraordinary dedication to raising awareness for early detection and early intervention in children with motor, sensory and communication delays. Since joining Pathways in 1989, Kurkowski’s crucial work has been integral in sharing the organization’s mission with thousands of key members of the medical community and parents alike.

Gay Girolami, a past recipient of the Pathways Pioneer Award, presented the award to Kurkowski at the annual Pathways Awareness dinner in Chicago on Nov. 15.

“Felicia has been instrumental in communicating Pathways’ message of early detection and early intervention to a national audience,” Pathways Awareness Chair Shirley W. Ryan said. “Her passion for our mission is boundless and her dedication has been an invaluable resource to millions of children and their families.”

The Pathfinders Award recognizes a current member of the organization who has embodied extraordinary passion and diligence in service of Pathways’ mission. The recipient of the award exemplifies the same irrepressible life force Pathways Awareness supports and celebrates in early delay children and their families.

Kurkowski’s accomplishments with Pathways Awareness include creating a parent-answered 800-number at Pathways (1-800-955-CHILD), distributing Pathways’ brochures and videos to libraries nationwide, and conducting hundreds of on-site presentations in 25 cities over 15 years to national medical and parent conferences.

Kurkowski holds an Associate’s degree from Oakton Community College, a Bachelor’s degree from Northern Illinois University and is a Kellogg Executive Scholar with a Certificate of Professional Achievement in Nonprofit Management from The Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University’s Center for Nonprofit Management. Kurkowski currently resides in Park Ridge, Ill. and New Port Richey, Fla.

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Pathways Awareness is a national 501(c)(3) not-for-profit public foundation celebrating over 20 years of assuring the best for all babies' development. Pathways Awareness is dedicated to raising awareness of early sensory, communication, and motor delays in three key areas: detection, intervention, and prevention. To educate the public, Pathways has created print and online tools that are used by millions of healthcare professionals and families worldwide. Pathways Awareness' critical infant milestones literature has been recognized and endorsed by the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners as the definitive resource concerning early motor delays. The organization's free print, web-based and video materials can be viewed online, in print and in the media. For more information on early motor delays and the help available, visit www.pathwaysawareness.org or call our toll free parent answered hotline at 1-800-955-CHILD (2445).

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