

Bush Program Officer Receives State Award

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Senior Program Officer Jane Kretzmann of the Bush Foundation has been selected as the state-level recipient of the 2002 Betty Hubbard Maternal and Child Health Leadership award through the Minnesota Department of Health. Kretzmann, who worked previously at the State of Minnesota as the State Refugee Coordinator for ten years, and has been with the Foundation for 14 years, was selected for her leadership and advocacy on behalf of mothers and children in Minnesota. This award was established by the Minnesota Maternal and Child Health Advisory Task Force and the Minnesota Department of Health in 1990 to honor the work of Elizabeth (Betty) Hubbard, a long time Task Force member, former Chair, and maternal and child health advocate, who died in 1989. Criteria for the award include long-term involvement in—and expert knowledge of—maternal and child health and collaborative work with diverse agencies to coordinate efforts on behalf of mothers and children. The award will be presented at a ceremony on October 25, 2002.

As a Senior Program Officer at the Foundation, Kretzmann has dealt primarily with human service agencies. She was instrumental in developing statewide systems for training caregivers of infants and toddlers in Minnesota and the Dakotas. Since 1993 the Bush Foundation has granted over \$11 million dollars to support such programs. Most recently, Kretzmann has designed an ecological health program to explore the relationship between human and environmental health with a special emphasis in child health. "This is an award that is well-deserved," says Bush Foundation President, Anita Pampusch. "As President of a foundation committed to improving the quality of life in our region, I am delighted to see this recognition of Jane's life-long efforts to ensure the health and well-being of women and children."

More information about the Hubbard award, criteria, a descriptive list of past recipients, and description of Betty Hubbard's work is available at:

www.health.state.mn.us/divs/fh/mchatf/bh-award.html

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