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Maine Township staffer, program win awards at township conference

Maine Township was recognized twice at the Township Officials of Illinois annual conference held in Springfield last week. First, Marjorie Stiller, Assistant to the Director of Adult and Senior Services at Maine Township was recognized as Senior Staff Member of the Year. Second, an Intergenerational Fishing Program that paired disadvantaged children with senior citizens from the Maine Township MaineStreamer Program was recognized as an innovative senior program by ITASCSC, the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Service Committee.

“With any senior program there is always someone behind-the-scenes who goes beyond the call of duty to keep everything in order,” said Carol Teschky, Maine Township Supervisor. “We nominated Marjorie Stiller because she not only oversees the day-to-day operations; she keeps track of every expenditure and contracts that keeps our MaineStreamer program of 5,000 members going.” She has also stepped up to the plate to escort day trips and has even sung and danced in front of more than 500 seniors in numerous musicals that were developed with her assistance, added Teschky.

The Intergenerational Fishing Program built on an already successful on-going fishing program that is part of the MaineStreamer Program for residents 55 years of age and older. Each senior was matched up with three campers from a day camp program that provides disadvantaged children, ages eight through 13, with the opportunity to participate in cultural and recreational experiences which would not otherwise be available to them.

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On the last day of the two-week camping experience the two groups came together for a morning of fishing at a local lake. Provided with a bamboo pole and worms, the campers also received basic instructions in fishing etiquette. “Many of these children have never had the opportunity to fish, yet alone to have quality time with a ‘grandparent figure,’” said Teschky who added that the rewards of the program included seeing them catch their very first fish, watching them squeal as they touch their first worm to bait the hook or simply spending time talking with each other.

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