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SNJPC AWARDS CYNTHIA GREEN 2007 PACERA AWARD Executive Director of Child Federation Honored for 45 Years of Service

PENNSAUKEN, NJ—Acknowledging her half-century of dedication to Atlantic County families of greatest need, the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative (SNJPC) named Cynthia Green its 2007 recipient of the Joseph A. Pacera Award for Service to Maternal and Child Health.

The Joseph A. Pacera Award is presented by SNJPC at its Annual Meeting to an individual or organization making a difference for South Jersey families in the field of the maternal and child health care. The award is given in memory of Joseph A. Pacera, an SNJPC Board member, community advocate, and health care leader remembered as unflagging, creative, and infinitely devoted in his contributions to maternal-child care.

“Like Joseph A. Pacera, Cynthia has never lost faith in her mission; never wavered in her commitment to the families of Atlantic County,” said SNJPC Executive Director Judy Donlen.

“Her legacy, like that of Joseph A. Pacera, will inspire the community to which she has given so much,” Donlen continued. “We are proud to add our voices in praise of her commitment to the families of South Jersey.”

Green has served the Child Federation of Atlantic City as its Executive Director, the President of its Board of Directors, and in various other capacities for 45 years. Without her exceptional individual effort, it is entirely conceivable that the organization and its services could have been lost. She helped Child Federation to make major capital purchases, worked to bring immunization services to the residents of Atlantic County, and wrote Health Department grants for teen pregnancy prevention.

Atlantic City Medical Center,
City and Mainland Divisions

Cape Regional Medical Center

Cooper Health System

Deborah Heart and Lung Center

Kennedy Health Systems,
Washington Township Campus

Lourdes Medical Center
of Burlington County

Our Lady of Lourdes
Medical Center

Shore Memorial Hospital

South Jersey Healthcare-
Elmer Hospital

South Jersey Healthcare-
Regional Medical Center

The Memorial Hospital
of Salem County

Underwood-Memorial Hospital

Virtua Memorial Hospital
Burlington County

Virtua West Jersey Hospital
Voorhees

“Child Federation is the lone health care option for many at-risk families in Atlantic County, providing parenting education, health conferences, immunizations, and nursing outreach,” said SNJPC Board Member Carol Gaffney, who presented Cynthia with the Pacera Award.

“Without her, many mothers and babies in Atlantic County may have lost access to their primary clinical source of free and low-cost care.”

Her service to the Child Federation notwithstanding, Green also serves on the Atlantic County Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies coalition and chairs the United Way Success By 6 program. She holds leadership positions with the Career Quest Retention Board, the Atlantic County Advisory Commission on Women, and the Teachers’ Advisory Council.

“Cynthia embodies everything the Pacera Award is meant to honor, and the Southern New Jersey Perinatal Cooperative is delighted to have the appropriate opportunity and forum to recognize her accomplishments.”

PHOTO CAPTION: Pictured (from left to right) at the SNJPC Annual Meeting are Janice Heisler, Board President of the Child Federation of Atlantic City; Cynthia Green, the 2007 Joseph A. Pacera Award Recipient; and Carol Gaffney of the SNJPC Board of Directors.

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