

NEWS FROM YOUR ELKS MAJOR PROJECT . . .

Former CHEMPI manager Barbara Huey writes:

I didn't think that I would be able to have a direct impact on children's lives when I became manager. And, although I haven't been able to provide direct services, I have been able to talk with a number of parents for whom no services were available.

Because of the continuing education provided by CHEMPI, I have been able to keep abreast of the current knowledge and am able to share essential information with parents who have no place to turn.

I'd like to express my gratitude to you and the CHEMPI Board for supporting educational benefits. It has given me the chance to continue to directly affect the lives of children and their families.

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A grateful parent writes to Barbara Huey:

I will never be able to express how grateful I am that you were there at a time when it could not have been needed more. You touched my life and that of my son's in a way that could never be measured. When I was in need of advice, or to regain a sense of sanity, you were unselfishly there for us. You helped me through some of the hardest times in my life. You guided, supported and comforted me when I had nowhere else to turn and for that I will always feel a deep sense of appreciation. When ever I speak of the times that were the hardest, about working with my son, I am sure to speak of the woman who offered kindness and an understanding ear, making things easier to deal with. It was a comfort to know that when I hit a low spot and felt there was no where to turn, I could call you and you would help me to realize that I was going to make it through. Your advice is invaluable. I am alone, with no family to assist me, so simply knowing that I could call you was so often enough to get me over the rough times.

I am sure your work touches many lives, it surely touched mine, as well as my son's. I am glad that I had a chance to know you.



A coin a day so they can walk, talk, see and play!