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Delores Kern Receives Betty Kane Award for Extraordinary Volunteer Service

Volunteer tutor Delores Kern received the Betty Kane Award for Extraordinary Volunteer Service at Reading ASSIST Institute's (RAI) Appreciation luncheon on April 8. Kern is a volunteer tutor in RAI's Volunteer Tutor Program at Heritage Elementary School.

"Delores has given exceptional service tutoring children at risk for reading failure at Heritage Elementary School in Wilmington. She exemplifies the spirit of RAI, whose mission is to Improve the Literacy Skills of Children at Risk for Reading Failure," said Marilyn Monahan, RAI's Executive Director.

Kern was presented with her award at RAI's annual Appreciation Luncheon at the Waterfall Banquet Center. Previously a first grade teacher at Heritage Elementary School, Kern volunteered as an RAI tutor less than 3 months after her retirement from the classroom. "As a teacher, I was always the first in the principal's office to recommend a student be tutored by RAI. The program works," she said.

At this event, RAI honors the office volunteers, volunteer tutors, board members and funders who dedicate time, talents and resources to RAI's Volunteer Tutor Program. This program trains volunteer tutors and places them in partner schools throughout Delaware to work with children who are at risk for reading failure.

The Betty Kane Award is named for its first recipient, one of RAI's first volunteers, Betty Kane. This award has been given in each of the past eleven years to individuals whose volunteer service to RAI is unsurpassed. Betty Kane passed away on October 29, 2010. Her daughters, Kathy Irwin and Ellen Kane, were on hand to present the award in their mother's memory.