HONORING OUR OWN*

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A MUCH DESERVED HONOR DR. HENRY MAIER

Dr. Henry Maier, Professor Emeritus of the University of Washington School of Social Work, was granted an Honorary Doctorate on May 8, 2001. This Doctorate was awarded by the University of Minnesota and is in recognition of Henry's lifelong commitment and far-reaching contributions to Child and Youth Care and Social Work.

A recent press release from the university describes Henry as "an internationally renowned social work educator and scholar, a much-beloved mentor to the field of child and youth care work, a warm, compassionate friend to colleagues, students, child and youth care practitioners and young people in care." It is difficult to capture the magnitude of Henry's personal warmth and wisdom. He is a prolific author, an outstanding teacher and consultant, and an ardent advocate of intervention with children and youth that is first and foremost developmentally sensitive and characterized by attuned, nurturing relationships. Not only has Henry's writing been profound and impactful, the Journal of Child and Youth Care Work is deeply grateful for his continued involvement as an Editorial Advisor.

For an overview of some of Henry's contributions, the reader is referred to a special issue of the Journal of Child and Youth Care, Volume 8, number 2, 1993.

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IN MEMORIAM DR. PAUL STEINHAUER

The Journal of Child and Youth Care Work mourns the untimely death in May of 2000 of Dr. Paul Steinhauer, a child and adolescent psychiatrist who had a powerful influence on child welfare practice in Canada over the last twenty years. He was a Professor Emeritus of the Department of Psychiatry and Public Health Services at the University of Toronto, and had an active practice at Sick Children's Hospital in Toronto, Ontario. The Globe and Mail, a national Canadian newspaper, described Dr. Steinhauer as the "heart, soul and conscience of child psychiatry in Canada." He was particularly concerned with the plight of young people in foster care and residential placement, and wrote widely on the importance of permanency planning and attachment formation for children in care. Dr. Steinhauer was an exceptional consultant and trainer, and reached out actively to agencies across Canada in his efforts to minimize psychological damage to youth in placement. He most recently participated in the development of the Toronto Parenting Capacity Guidelines, an assessment tool which was designed to maximize sound decision making for children and families. Dr. Steinhauer's most well known work was the book, "The least detrimental alternative: a systematic guide to case planning and decision making for children in care," published by the University of Toronto Press in 1991.