

FROM THE EDITOR

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The field of Child and Youth Care suffered a great loss this year. On April 30, 2005, Henry Maier died at the age of 87. In a career that spanned six decades, Henry touched the hearts and minds of generations of Child and Youth Care workers, and through them altered the lives of countless young people around the world.

Henry began his career as a front line worker in 1943, and while he was to go on to become a supervisor, and then a university professor, he never lost touch with the day-to-day reality of our work. Henry was a prolific writer, whose work advanced the literature of applied human development and milieu treatment. At the same time, Henry continually challenged us all to engage deeply and honestly with youth in our care. Henry was a great friend to the *Journal of Child and Youth Care Work*, and acted as an editorial adviser for many years. He was a passionate advocate for the field and a discerning critic, who often pushed to raise the standards for publication.

This issue of the *Journal of Child and Youth Care Work* is dedicated to Henry Maier. Here you will find articles from five countries; stories of the youth we serve, research pieces, reviews of the literature and theoretical contributions. Henry would have been delighted by the range and quality of these articles. It is fitting that we begin with Mark Krueger's moving tribute to Henry's memory.